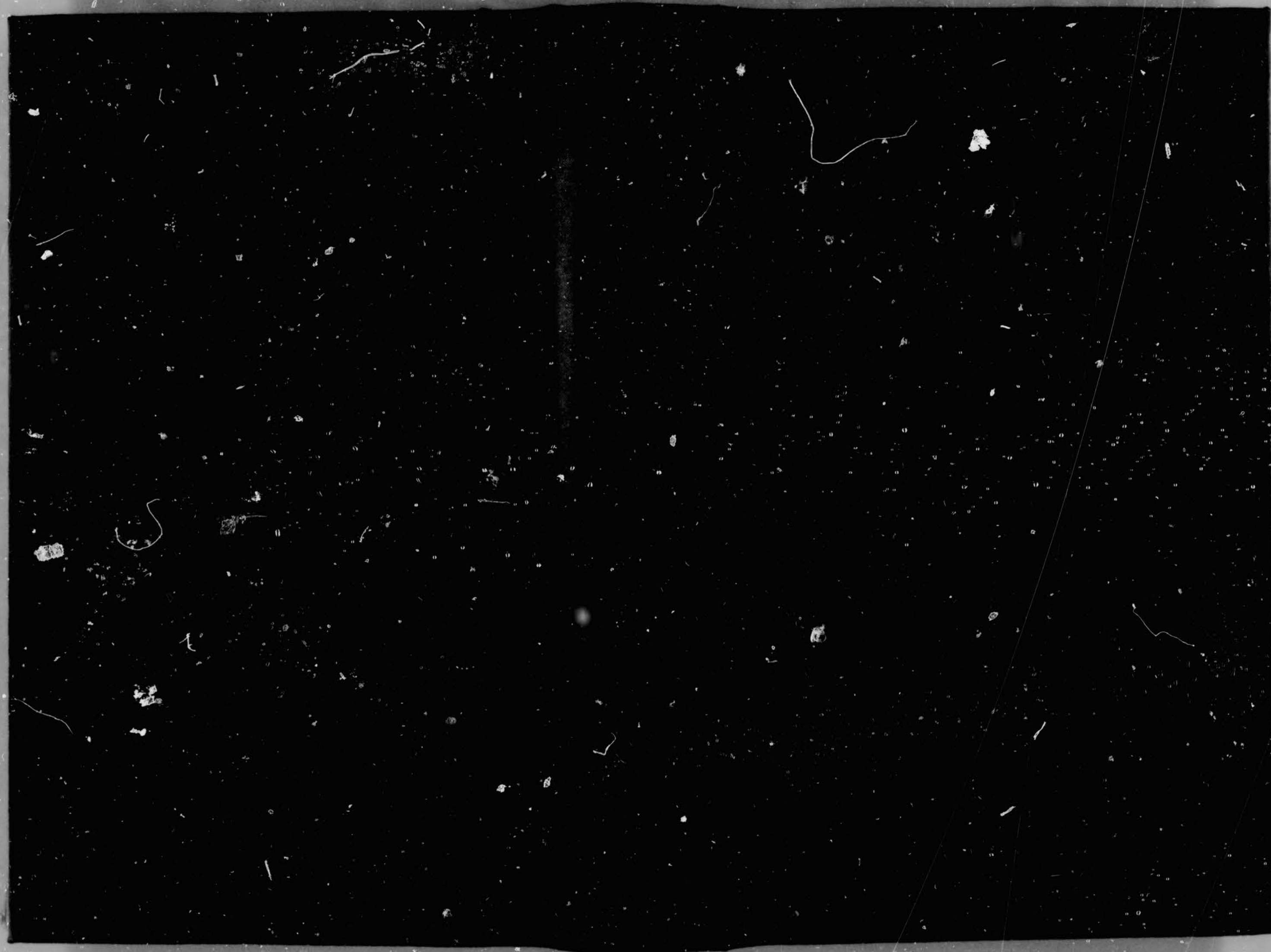


MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #102
TOWN RECORDS 1845-1847, 16:1-68 Holbrook



Meeting for Members of Congress April 28th 1845

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday April 28th 1845 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth sp. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, Greeting.

Pursuant to a precept from the Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid to us directed you are hereby required to Notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Twenty-eighth day of April instant at One O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative that is an Inhabitant of Congressional District Number nine of this Commonwealth to represent said district in the Twenty-ninth Congress of the United States. And the balloting to commence at the time aforesaid. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough in due season as the Law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventh day of April in the year one Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five

Stillman Benson
Thomas Duggett
Venus Thompson
Richard Thompson
Jared Winston

The following are the names of the persons who received as many as fifty votes at the Meeting on the 10th of Feb last

Henry Williams - - 45, 31
Thomas Hale - - - 45, 52
Caleb Swann - - - 708
Job Terry - - - 91
Marcus Weston - - 81

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Plymouth sp. Middleborough April 14 1845

By virtue of said warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses as within directed

John Clark Jr. Constable

Then proceeded to vote by Ballot for Representative to Congress and the whole number of Ballots was 583

Henry Williams	had	387
Thomas Hale	"	272
Caleb Swann	"	12
Jonathan P. Hathaway	"	4
Job Terry	"	4
Peter H. Pierce	"	1
Allen Shaw	"	2
Israel Washburn	"	1

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday May 12th 1845 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy. Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified by said to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Twelfth day of May inst at Two O'clock in the Afternoon to act on the following business to wit.

- First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
 Second To see what the Town will do in relation to a petition of Seth Eaton and others to be set off from School District No 20 and annexed to School District No 19 and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.
 Third To see what action the Town will take in relation to a petition of Sethrop J. Thomas & others for an alteration in the Public Highway leading from Lewis Cotts in said Middleborough to the dwelling House of John C. Barden and act thereon as the Town may see cause.
 Fourth To see what the Town will do in relation to a petition of Nathans Fuller for a Road from the Post Office in East Middleborough to Thompsons Bridge in Walifax and act thereon as they may see cause.
 And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Public Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough in due season as the Law directs.
 thereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day and time of Meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Thirde day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Stallman Benson } Selectmen
 Thomas Leggett } of
 Richard Sampson } Middleborough

Plymouth ss. May 9, 1845 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Hilton Alden Constable of
 Middleborough

- Art 1 Voted & Chose Eliak Ward Esq. Moderator
 Voted under the second Article to set off Seth Eaton Reed M. Eaton Lewis Eaton and Alden Eaton from School District No 20 and annex them to School District No 19. beginning at the perchade Brook, thence by the Road that leads to the Rev. Mr. Galtys Meeting house, as far as the land of Seth Eaton Esq. extends on said Road, thence Southwesterly by said Eatons land to the land of Elijah Aldens, thence Southeastly by said Eatons land to the Highway at the bound of School District No 23. thence by the Highway to the perchade Brook first mentioned and all the territory included within the bounds above mentioned is annexed to School District No 19 together with the polls and estates of the above mentioned persons
 Art 2 Voted to refer the same to the Selectmen for them to meet the bounty commissioners and advise as is best.
 Art 3 Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to appor. way inch of said ground
 Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 10th 1845 by Adjournment
Eliab Ward Esq Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
May 12th 1845

Voted to add the School Committee to the Committee
for printing the Towns expenses & School Report
Voted that said Committee be instructed to get
the Printing done as cheap as they can, and well done
Voted to adjourn to the next meeting at this place
at 3 O'clock P.M. Attest Ashmun Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment July 7 1845
Eliab Ward Esq Moderator being absent Voted and
Chose Gamaliel Kounsawille Moderator Protem.
Voted and Chose George M. Wood a Committee
to investigate and report at next Town Meeting
in relation to the highways near Miller's Works &c
Voted to adjourn to next meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.
at this place

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment September 1st 1845
Eliab Ward Esq Moderator, Andrew Martin Clerk Protem.
Wood and Voted that the selectmen be a committee
to appear before the County Commissioners on the
Petition of Joshua Edely and others for a road from
Jonathan's Mills to ~~Wilmington~~ said Committee are
instructed to oppose the laying out of a Road inch
by inch. Voted to Adjourn to next Town Meeting at
2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Andrew M. Euton
Town Clerk Protem

and settle with Mr. Coombs who built a Road & also settle
with other individuals agreeable to Mr. Leonard's Report
Voted that the sum of 100 be appropriated if necessary toward repairing
the Turnpike Road during the present Winter & coming Summer
Voted that James Leonard be a committee to expend money if necessary
Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of October 16th 1844 by Adjournment
Gamaliel Kounsawille Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment May 12th 1845
Nothing coming before said meeting Voted to adjourn
to the next meeting, at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 10th 1845 by Adjournment
Eliab Ward Esq Moderator
This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
Oct 6th 1845

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer
& Report the state of the Treasury &c. made a report,
which was by vote accepted, & voted to adopt the
same & the same is on file

Then Voted to raise the sum of 5700. by Tax
the present year for the current expenses &c.

Also Voted that the Tax Bills be committed to the
Collector the first of November next

Also Voted that a deduction of 10 per cent shall be
made on all taxes paid within 60 days from the
commitment of said bills, Also 5 per cent on all paid
within 90 days, & also 3 per cent on all paid within
120 days from commitment.

Also voted that the Collector issue his summonses,
on the first day of April next.

Voted to add two to the Surplus Revenue Committee
Chose Gamaliel Kounsawille & Viridale Leonard.

Mr. Viridale Leonard made a Report on the
Turnpike Road &c which was by vote accepted & by
vote adopted, & the same is on file

Then Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to collect
from the County Treasurer, the money allowed by the
County Commissioners, for the Turnpike Road bonded
see next Page books

Town Meeting July 7th 1845

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday July 7th 1845 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy. Ver.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Seventh day of July next at four o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following business, to wit.

First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

Second To hear the Report of the Committee chosen October 14, 1844 to investigate and report to the Town the propriety of investing the Funds belonging to the Town called Surplus Revenue Funds in the proposed Rail Road through this Town and act thereon as they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season as the Law requires by posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough and Heretofore and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day and time of Meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this Twenty eighth day of June in the year eighteen Hundred & Forty five.

Thomas Duggett
Vernon Thompson
Richard Sampson
Stillman Benson
Isiah Winslow

Selectmen
of the Town
of Middleboro

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Plymouth Co. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough as within directed by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town Middleborough July 7th 1845

Milton Alden Constable
of Middleborough

Noted and Obey Samuel Ransville Moderator.

The Committee chosen by the town October 14, 1844 for investigating the subject of the Surplus Revenue funds & and investing the money in the Middleborough Rail Road Corporation made a report which was read and voted to accept the Report, and the same is on file.

Noted to direct their Treasurer to subscribe for 120 Shares in the Middleborough Rail Road Stock for said Town.

Noted that the surplus fund Committee be directed to collect & furnish the Town Treasurer with funds from time to time requisite to meet the payments as they may be ordered on the Rail Road Stock and the Treasurer is directed to subscribe for the town

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Meeting for Member of Congress Sept 1st 1845

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday September 1st 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy, Vitz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss. To wit: the Constables for the town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth
Greeting,

In obedience to a precept issued by his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in

Middleborough on Monday the first day of September next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon for the following purpose to wit: To give in their votes for Representative that is an inhabitant of Congressional District No. Nine to represent said District in the Twenty Sixth Congress of the United States. The voting to commence at 11 O'clock A.M. and to close at 3 O'clock P.M.

Also another meeting at the same time for the following purpose Vitz Behave the Petition of Davis Thomas and others for the discontinuance of an old Road leading from the Methodist Meeting House in said Town to the dwelling House of Solomon Raymond and act thereon as the Town may then see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said town in due season as the law requires.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place aforesaid. Given under our hands this Eleventh day of August in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and Forty five

Vernis Thompson }
William Benson } Selectmen
Thomas Coggett }
Richard Sampson } Middleborough
John W. Lewis }

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The following persons recd as many votes at the meeting on the Twenty Eighth day of April last as is set against their names.

Henry Williams	4002
Artemas Hale	3707
Calib Swan	873
Job Terry	109

Plymouth ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Middleborough August 25 1845
Milton Alden Constable

The Town Clerk being absent Chose Andrew M. Eaton Clerk Return and was qualified.

Then proceeded to vote by ballot for Representative to Congress and the whole number of Ballots was 895

Henry Williams	had	389
Artemas Hale	"	209
Satan M. Wheaton	"	17
Job Terry	"	5
Peter K. Pierce	"	12
Allen Shaw	"	1
Chaathan P. Hathaway	"	1
Joseph Clark	"	1

At an this Meeting under the same Warrant Chose Eliot Ward Moderator.

Chose Andrew M. Eaton Clerk Return.

Art 1st In relation to the petition of Davis Thomas & others Voted to refer the same to a Committee of three, Chose for a Committee George M. Wood, Fisdale Leonard and John P. Thompson. Voted that the Committee look into the subject and report the facts of the case and how the affair ought to be settled at the next town Meeting, Voted to Adjourn to next Town Meeting
Andrew M. Eaton Clerk Return

Town Meeting October 6th 1845

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
October 6th 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued
and returned of which the following is a true copy viz
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss. To wit: of the Constables of the
Town of Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
you are required to notify and warn all the
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are
qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the
Town House in Middleborough on Monday the sixth
day of October next at One O'Clock in the afternoon
to act on the following business to wit:

- First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 1st To see if the Town will set off Samuel S. Haskins
from School District No 29 and annex him with
his polls and Estate to District No 33.
 - 3rd To see if the Town will set off Elisha Richmond
and Parmenus G. Sampson from School District
No 20 and annex them with their polls and Estates
to District No 19 and anything thereon.
 - 4th To see if this Town will take any action in relation
to working & causing to be built any of the pieces of
Road where alterations have been recently made
agreeable to returns made to this Town by the County
Commissioners, and act thereon as they may see cause.
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up
attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses
in said Town in due season as the law requires. Hereof
fail not and make return of this Warrant with your
doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and
place of Meeting given under our hands this Twentieth
day of September in the year One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Forty five, Vinus Thompson

Richard Sampson }
Thomas Daggett }
Jiah Winslow }
William Benson }
of Middleborough

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Plymouth ss. By virtue of the within Warrant I
have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of
Middleborough by posting up notices at several
Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.
October 4th 1845. Milton Alden Constable of Middleborough

- 2nd Voted & chose Elisha Ward Esq Moderator of said Meeting
- 3rd Voted that Samuel S. Haskins be set off with his polls &
Estate from School Dist No 29 & annexed as requested
to Dist No 33 with his polls & Estate
- 3rd Voted not to set off Elisha Richmond & P. G. Sampson as
requested. Votes were given for & 14 against it.
- 4th Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to cause
to be built any of the cuts or pieces of Roads, that have
been located by the County Commissioners, from
Wareham line to Taunton line, at such times as
they shall deem expedient & to use their best
Judgment in building & expending money for
that object, & to all things in relation to said Road
or cuts as they may think proper.
- Voted to adjourn to the next March Meeting
at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Nov: 10th 1845

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday November 10th 1845 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in sd. Middleborough on Monday the Tenth day of November next, at Ten O'clock in the forenoon being the second Monday in said Month.

Then and there to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and Two Senators for the County of Plymouth. And agreeable to a Receipt from his Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth to give in their votes for one Representative that is an Inhabitant of Congressional District No Nine to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the Fourth day of March 1845. Also to choose one or more

Representative to represent them in the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The poll for the choice of the officers aforesaid will be opened at Ten O'clock in the morning and all to be voted for on one ballot. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in sd. Town in due season as the Law requires.

Whereof faith not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the day and time of Meeting. Given under our hands at Middleboro this Twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Forty five

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Thomas Hoggatt	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Venus Thompson	
Richard Sampson	
Frank Winslow	
William Benson	

For Representative to Congress the following persons received the No of votes set against their names at the Meeting on the first day of Sept Last

Henry Williams	3219
Thomas Hale	3297
Isaac M. Whiton	697
Job Terry	199

Plymouth ss. Nov 1 1845

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at their several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed for Clark P. Constable

Noted to send two Representatives to the General Court the present year.

The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators Representative to Congress and Representatives to the General Court.

The whole number of Ballots for Governor was 884

Isaac Davis	had	576	Votes
George Briggs	"	342	"
Samuel S. Sewall	"	17	"
Henry Shaw	"	9	"

Whole number of Ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 883

George Savery	had	518	Votes
John Reed	"	339	"
John M. Brewster	"	17	"
Charles M. Moore	"	9	"

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Whole Number of Ballots for Senators was 879

Edward P. Little had 520 Votes

Eliab Ward " 508 "

Thomas P. Beah " 326 "

William Young " 331 "

Benjamin Frost " 17 "

Charles Macomber " 17 "

William Barrows " 8 "

Calcutt Rider " 8 "

William W. Wood " 2 "

Whole No. Ballots for Member of Congress was 870

Peter H. Pierce had 519 Votes

Artemas Wade " 320 "

Saban M. Wheaton " 17 "

Job Perry " 7 "

William Baylis " 2 "

Eleathan P. Hathaway " 5 "

Votes for Representatives to General Court

Asa P. Winslow had 516 Votes

Josiah Bond-Lane " 517 "

Charles Richmond " 332 "

Lucian Barrows " 332 "

Simion W. Standish " 6 "

John A. Shaw " 7 "

Joseph Clark " 1 "

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 10th 1845 by Adjournment

Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

Nov 12th 1845

No business coming before Meeting

Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting at this place

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Decr 29th 1845 for Member of Congress

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday December 29th 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy, Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, Greeting,

In obedience to a Precept from his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to vote in elections to assemble at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the Twentieth fourth day of December present at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for one Representative that is an inhabitant of Congressional District Number Nine to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1845.

Also another Meeting at the same time for the following purpose To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the following pieces of Road Recently laid out by them Viz. A piece of Road from the Dwelling House of John C. Barber to the top of the Barden Hills so called. A piece of Road from the House of Solomon Raymond to the House of Sethrop S. Thomas and a piece of Road from the Dwelling House of George Haskell to the Dwelling House of Orlando W. Carver.

2. To see if the town will vote to approve of the Petition of William Bates and Others to the General Court of the Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next for a charter authorizing them and their associates to construct and maintain a Rail Road from a Point near the Iron Works of Samuel S. Tisdale in Wareham to the Four corners in Middleborough as set forth in said Petition

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3^d To see if the Town will vote to wave an Order of Notice from the Committee of the Legislature to which said Petition may be referred as is usual in such cases.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in Town in due season as the Law requires. Given under our hands this fifteenth day of December in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty five.

Shillman Benson	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Thomas Loggitt	
Richard Sampson	
Vernon Thompson	
Frank Winslow	

The following are the names of the persons who received as many as fifty votes at the Meeting on the tenth day of November last and each had the number set against his name.

Peter W. Pierce 1542

Artemas Hale 4412

Laban M. Wheaton 958

Job Perry 372

Plymouth pt. December 19 1845

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at their several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Josh. Clark 2^d Constable

Then Voted by Ballot for Number of Congress and the whole Number of Ballots was 689.

Peter W. Pierce had 422 Votes

Artemas Hale " 252 "

Laban M. Wheaton " 11 "

Job Perry " 1 "

Yann L. Remondville " 1 "

Enathan Hathaway " 1 "

William Baylis " 1 "

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Then another Meeting coming up under the same Warrant, Made choice of Eliab Ward as Moderator of said Meeting.

The first article was taken up and the Town voted to defer the consideration of the article to the next Town Meeting held in said Town. Voted to choose a Committee to investigate the subject of said article and report their doings at the next Town Meeting held in said Town. Voted and made choice of the selectmen to compose said Committee.

Voted that the Town of Middleborough will aid the petition of William Bates and others for a Rail Road from some point in Wareham to the Middleborough four corners.

Voted that the Town of Middleborough will wave an order of Notice from the Committee of Legislature to which said petition may be referred as is usual in such cases. Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting held at this place.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 10th 1845 by Adjournment
Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

Dec. 29th 1845. No business coming before it.

Voted to adjourn to the next meeting at this place.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 11th 1845 by Adjournment
Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator.

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

Feb. 2nd 1845. No business coming before it.

Voted to adjourn to the next meeting at this place.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Feb 2. 1845 for Members of Congress

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday February 2. 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough. Greeting.

In obedience to a precept from His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified by law to vote in Elections to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of February next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for one Representative that is an inhabitant of Congressional District Number Nine to Represent them in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1845. Also another Meeting at the same time and place for following purpose Viz.

First To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
Second To see whether the Town will take any action relative to authorizing the Middleboro Rail Road Corporation to make an alteration in the Highway as now used where the Rail Road crosses the Rhodius Island Road near Maskins Village.

Also where said Rail Road crosses the Highway near Summit Woods in said Town and act thereon as they may think proper.

Third To have any report from any committee who have submitted their case on which it may be proper to report. The poll for the choice of Representative to Congress will be opened at Eleven O'clock A.M. and will close at Three O'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due season as the Law requires

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Whereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the day and time of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of January in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Six

Benjamin Thompson }
Richard Sampson } Selectmen
Thomas Daggett }
Isaac Willows } Middleborough
William Benson }

The following are the names of the persons who received as many as fifty votes at the meeting on the Twenty ninth day of December last and each had the number of votes placed against his name.

Antemos Hale 3135

Peter W. Pierce 3070

Saban M. Wheaton 598

Job Terry 103

Middleborough Jan 23 1845

Plymouth Co. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough as within directed by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in Town

John Clark Constable

When voted by Ballot for Members of Congress and the whole number of Ballots was 881

Peter W. Pierce had 505 votes

Antemos Hale 342 "

Saban M. Wheaton 9 "

Job Terry 1 "

Chas. Ward 2 "

Stephen B. Dickens 1 "

Saml. Wrennville 1 "

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Then another Meeting coming up under the same Warrant
Made choice of Eliab Wild Esqr Moderator.
In relation to the Second Article, Voted to refer the
whole subject in relation to Rail Road to the
Selectmen.

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be authorized
to hire men to clear the Roads of snow if necessary.
Voted to adjourn to next Meeting at this place

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Dec 29th 1845 by adjournment

Eliab Wild Esqr Moderator

Voted to refer the subject of Roads to the next
Meeting at this place

Voted to adjourn to next meeting at this place

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting Monday March 9th 1846

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March
9th 1846 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and
returned of which the following is a true copy, Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to certify and warn all the
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are
duly qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs
to assemble at the Town House in said Town on
Monday the ninth day of March next at Ten
O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following
business, to wit:

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year
ensuing as is required by Law.

3rd To give in their votes for a County Treasurer and
also for a County Register of Deeds.

4th To choose a board of Auditors of the Town accounts
to allow demands against the Town and order
the payment thereof.

5th To allow demands against the Town and order
the payment as the Town may see cause.

6th To choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer
and to report to the Town - with an estimate of what
sum will be necessary to be raised by taxation to
meet all appropriations the present year and
incidental charges.

7th To raise such sums of Money as the Town may
determine necessary to defray all of the expenditures
the present year and to appropriate the same
as the Town may think proper - to determine
when to be assessed - how paid and collected and
transact anything in relation thereto that the Town may
see cause.

Annual March Meeting Monday March 9th 1846

- Eightth To see if the Town will vote the pay to their Collector & Treasurer for his services the year & act thereon.
- Ninth To choose some person to have the care of the Town House and also a pound keeper.
- Tenth To choose some one or a committee to make a contract with some suitable person to take the charge and superintendence of the affairs at the Almshouse for the next year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Eleventh To see if the Town will authorize their Residential School Committee to contract with Teachers for their District School and act thereon.
- Twelfth To dispose of the Town privilege of taking Messings at the several fishing places in said Town the present year as the Law provides and act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may see cause.
- Thirteenth To see if the Town will vote to repair their Town House and act any thing relative thereto that the town shall think proper.
- Fourteenth To hear reports from any agents Committee or Town Officers relative to subjects in their charge and act thereon as they may think proper.
- Fifteenth To see what action the Town will take relative to certain Real Estate conveyed to said Town by Caleb Atwater dec. and act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- Sixteenth To determine what method the Town will take to remove obstructions from the Highways caused by Snow (should they occur) and act thereon as may be thought proper.
- Seventeenth To see what action the Town will take relative to establishing the line between Middleborough and Taunton and act any thing in relation thereto they may think proper.

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To have the petition of Sothep & Thomas & others asking for attention in the limits of School Districts No 14 & 15 and act any thing thereon the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough in due season as the Law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Town Clerk on or before the day and time of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Middleborough this Nineteenth day of February in the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty Six.

Stillman Benson
Nemus Thompson
Richard Sampson
Jacob Winslow
Thomas Daggett

Selectionmen
of
Middleborough

Middleborough February 25 1846

Plymouth Co.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up notices at their several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed for Clerk & Constable

Voted by Ballot & made choice of Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator of said Meeting

The following persons were then Elected by Ballot to the several Offices designated viz.

Jacob B. Shaw Town Clerk
Stillman Benson
Thomas Daggett
Nemus Thompson
Jacob Winslow
Richard Sampson

Selectionmen

Annual March Meeting Monday March 9th 1845

Constables

Joseph Clark 2^d Milton Alden, John C. Perkins.
 Leetrop Thomas, William Canedy, Cyrus P. Casswell.
 William Shurtleff 2^d Thomas A. Burge.
 Jesse Vaughan, Southworth Ellis, Churchill Westgate.
 Jacob B. Shaw Treasurer.
 Jacob B. Shaw Collector of Taxes.

Auditors

Art 4 Peter H. Peirce, Benjamin P. Ratti,
 Samual W. Womansville, Nathaniel Womansville,
 Branch Marlow, Lura Weston, Samuel B. Keith

Surgeons of Town

Wm. S. Peirce, Abiel W. Southworth, Samuel B. Keith
 Lewis Eaton, Job P. Ellison, David L. Curtis,
 Lura Weston, George Cox, Williams Eaton,
 John H. Warren, James Warren

Prudential Committee of School District

1 Jacob Atwood	11 Biney Thompson	21 Calvin Southworth
2 James B. Rickels	12 Abiel Butler	22 James B. Rickels
3 Henry Dunham	13 John Casper	23 John Eaton
4 Carl Spreat	14 Abiel B. Atwood	24 Wm. A. Corns
5 John Southworth	15 Joshua Wood	25 Job P. Ellison
6 Josiah B. Cornish	16 James Cole	26 John Montgomery
7 Abiel Sampson	17 Zylar Peirce	27 John Ashley
8 John Shaw	18 Sidney Tucker	28 Phillip H. Peirce
9 Ephas Shaw	19 Thomas Marlow	29 Abiel Perry
10 William Benson	20 Samuel B. Thompson	30 Elias Parry

Crosses of the Poor

Benjamin P. Wood, Joseph Clark 2^d
 Nathaniel W. Wood

Continued

Art 9 Then voted by ballot for Register of Deeds and the
 whole number of Ballots was 153
 Howland C. Cotton had 93
 William S. Russell " 59
 Freeman J. Maglathlin " 1

Voted by Ballot for County Treasurer and the
 whole number was 72.
 William W. Sever had 72.

Voted to pass over the 5 Article

Art 6 Chose a Committee of three to settle with the Town
 Chose for a Committee Peter H. Peirce,
 Josiah Winston, and Philander Washburn.
 Voted that this Committee report the state of the
 Treasury at the Adjournment of this Meeting.
 Voted to pass to the 10 Article

Art 10 Voted to choose a Committee of three to contract
 with some one to have the care of the Poor the
 next year Chose for a Committee
 Nathaniel Staples, Benjamin P. Wood & Lura Eaton.

Art 11 Voted that the Prudential School Committee be
 authorized to contract with Teachers in their several Districts
 Art 12 Albert Thomas made a report in relation to the
 Hearings and by vote was accepted and adopted
 and put on file

Voted to dispose of the fish by choosing an Agent to
 catch and sell the same and in the same manner
 as they were caught and sold last year.
 Vm The fish are to be sold for fifty cents per hundred
 to Town people and not more than two hundred
 to any one individual when there are other Town
 people to take them and sell to out Town people
 for what they are worth when Town people do not
 want them the selectmen are authorized to
 distribute Hearings to the poor people of this Town
 not more than two hundred to any one family
 Chose for a Agent to effect the above
 Albert Thomas

Continued

- Art 14. Voted to pass to the 14th Article
George M. Wood made report in relation to the Highways which was adopted and is on file
Said report was referred to the Selectmen on which they are to make a report at the next Meeting
Voted to pass to the 17th Article
Art 17. Voted that the Town of Middleborough petition the Legislature of Massachusetts to establish the line between the Towns of Middleborough and Taunton.
Voted that the Selectmen of Middleborough be a Committee to petition the Legislature to establish the line between the Towns of Middleborough and Taunton.
Art 18. The petition of Joseph S. Thomas & others in relation to annexing School District No 14 & 15 was referred to the School Committee.
Voted to Adjourn to the first Monday in April at 1 O'clock P.M.
Attest Jacob B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting 1845 by Adjournment

- Monday April 8th 1845. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment.
Chief Ward, Esq. Moderator.
Voted by Ballot for Treasurer and made choice of Jacob B. Shaw.
School Committee
Voted by Ballot & chose Chief Ward, Bradford Hastings, Thomas Duggan, Stillman Benson, & Everett Robinson.
Hearing Inspectors
Calvin Southworth, Cushman Vaughan, John Tucker, Nathan Perkins, Peter Phillips, Saml. Pownsville, Elijah Burgess, James S. Cushman, Silvanus Barrows, John C. Perkins, Ezra Chase, Silvanus Hinckley, Sisdale Leonard, Thomas B. Rath, and Albert Thomas.
Highway Men.
Voted by Ballot & chose Saml. Pownsville, Silvanus Hinckley, John C. Perkins, and Sisdale Leonard.
Voted that the Hurdings be sold for 50 cents per hundred and at that rate for a greater or a less number.
Voted to excuse Everett Robinson from serving as Prudential School Committee in District No 11 and chose James S. Thompson in his stead.
Voted to excuse James Leonard from serving as Prudential School Committee in District No 32 and chose Albert B. Mason in his stead.
Voted to excuse William Shurtleff from serving as Constable and chose Elmer Thomas in his stead.
Voted that the Annual Tax be assessed the first of July next instead of November first.
Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of Money not to exceed 1000 \$ to pay the outstanding order against the Town.
Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to report at the October Meeting the amount of money appropriated on the Highways for the last five years.

Annual March Meeting 1845 by Adjournment

1750 \$
for Roads

The report of the Selectmen in relation to the highways was accepted and adopted 90 in favor & 44 against.

✓ Voted to raise 17,500 \$ for the Highways

Surveyors of Highways

✓ Israel W. Thompson, Consider Fuller, Israel Benson, Nathan Sherman, Andrew C. Wood, Nathl. W. Reed, Albert Thomas, Daniel Alden, Reuben Hafford, Ebenezer Stoddard, Simeon Thomas, & Job B. Wilson

✓ Voted to excuse Israel Benson from serving as Surveyor and chose Simeon Benson in his stead.

✓ Voted to excuse Job B. Wilson from serving as Surveyor and chose Benjamin H. Matt in his stead.

✓ Voted that the Surveyors of Highways make a report of their doings to the Town at the next October Meeting.

✓ Voted that the Selectmen shall assign to the Surveyors their limits and appropriate the money to each surveyor for the 30 Surveyors to expend.

✓ Voted that the Selectmen make a report at the October Meeting of their doings.

✓ Voted that every item be reported by these Committees Selectmen & Surveyors.

✓ Voted that these surveyors be authorized to draw orders upon the Treasurer to pay their proportion of the amount of 17,500 \$.

✓ Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to defray the expenses of the Highways not to exceed 17,500 \$.

✓ Benjamin S. Wood made a report in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor and of the state of the Almshouse which was accepted and adopted and is on file.

✓ Voted to adjourn to the 20th of April at 10 o'clock.

Attest Jacob B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting 1845 by Adjournment

Monday April 20 1846 this meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment.

✓ Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator.

✓ School Committee made a report which was read & accepted and is on file.

✓ Voted that Benjamin Thompson keep the Key of the Town House and have the charge of the same and also that he shall be Town Keeper.

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Chas. Thomas	John Alden	Samuel B. Washburn	Had. Bryant
Levi B. Bingham	Wm. Alden	Wm. H. Caswell	Ephraim Robbins
Seth Dean	Reuben W. Eaton	Elkanah Willard	Philip de Botkin
Jacob B. Barrows	Eli. Williams	Wm. A. King	Benj. Freeman
Henry W. Watson	Levin Darling	Joshua Washington	Joseph B. Kiden
Simeon Baker	Wm. Paul	Samuel White	Jacob Thomas
Francis Reed	Thomas B. Willard	Wm. Warlow	Samuel Cole
Caleb Alden	Elijah B. Whitt	Edmund Thompson	Isidore Leonard
Wm. Lisby	John B. Pierce	Thomas Burgess	Abisha T. Clark
Isaac M. Riden	Deputy Phillips	Solomon Leonard	Carle Sprout

✓ Voted 15th Was referred to the Overseers of the Poor with the instructions that the family of Isaac Benson improve the same as usual.

✓ Voted that Stillman Benson see that the Deed of Caleb Matheron be put on record and pay for it and that it be reimbursed to him from the Town Treasurer.

✓ The report of the Committee on the petition of Lothrop C. Thomas and others was accepted and is on file.

Measurers of Wood & Bark

✓ Andrew M. Eaton, George Leonard Jr., Horatio S. Wood, Elsworth M. Willard, Lothrop Shurtleff, Cornelia B. Wood, Wm. Alden, Daniel Alden, Bela Wingman, Wm. C. Eddy, George W. Wood, Abiel W. Southworth, George Bennett, Lothrop C. Thomas, Seth Fuller.

✓ Voted to reconsider the vote to defer the Annual votes the first of July instead of November first.

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment April 20 1846

3/25/46 Noted to appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Noted that the money be divided the same as last year.

4/5/46 Noted that the Surveyors of Highways be a committee to report at the next October Meeting some method of clearing the roads of snow.

Noted that the Committee to settle with the Treasurer be a Committee to settle with George W. Wood in relation to a claim which the Town has against him and he against the Town.

Noted to refer the subject to the Selectmen in relation to furnishing Ammuns for the independent companies of this Town.

Noted to refer this subject to the Auditors to allow the claims of the aforesaid in favour of William Bayle and the Estate of Wilkes Wood.

Noted to adjourn to next Town Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 9th 1845 by Adjournment
Chas. Ward Esq. Moderator being absent Noted to choose
Jedah Leonard Moderator Pro tem

This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
Aug 10th 1845 No business coming before & meeting
Noted to adjourn to next meeting at this place.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 7th 1846 by Adjournment
Chas. Ward Esq. Moderator

This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment of 25th 1845
The Committee to settle with the Treasurer made a
Report which was by vote accepted.

Noted to refer the Report back to the Committee for
a further examination & report at the next
Meeting at this place.

Noted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday October 12th
1846 at 2 O'clock P.M. at this place

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 10th 1845

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on
Monday August 10th 1845 pursuant to a warrant
duly issued and returned of which the following
is a true copy, to-wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of
the Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
you are hereby required to notify & warn all the
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who
are duly qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet
at the Town House in said Town on Monday
the Tenth day of August next at two of the clock
in the afternoon to act on the following business
to-wit:

First To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Second To hear the report of the selectmen of said Town
relative to a road recently located by them
pursuant to the petition of Joseph Jackson
& others from the Swelling House of James A.
Leonard to the Depot of the Fall River Rail
Road Corporation and act on anything thereon
the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant in
due season as the law requires by posting up
attested copies of the same at the several Meeting
Houses in said Town. Hereof fail not and
make return of this warrant and your doings
therein to the Town Clerk on or before the time
of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hand
this Thirtieth day of July in the year one thousand
Eight hundred and Forty six

Sturtevant Benson	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Thomas Daggett	
James Thompson	
Richard Sampson	
Jerah Winslow	

Town Meeting Aug 10th 1845 Continued

Plymouth P. Aug 11 1845

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of Middleborough as within directed
by posting up notices at the several Meeting
Houses in Town

Jas Clark & Constable

1st Voted and here Fisdale Leonard Moderator of Meeting

2nd The report of the selectmen was read and voted
to except the same which is as follows viz.

Return of Location on the petition of Joseph Jackson
of this Road from near James A Leonard to the Depot
of the Fall River Rail Road Corporation.

Began to lay out a new Road commencing at a Station on the
Southern side of the Road leading from Middleborough Town
Center to Dartmouth, a few Rods West of the Dwelling House
of James A Leonard by land of Isaac Lane. Thence south
16 Rods West 18 Rods 920 Links on the line between said Rail
Road Corporation Land and Isaac Lane's land till it comes

to the land of the Heirs of Abel Washburn deceased. Thence
the same course Rods 923 Links till it comes to the line
between the land of said Rail Road Corporation and the
land of Isaac Lane Thence South 12 Rods West 25 Rods to

the Depot of the said Fall River Rail Road Corporation
This Road to extend 4 Rods in width on the Southern side
side of said Line. Owners of timber and wood on the
land over which said Road passes are allowed thirty days to
remove the same. What the same time is to be the damage

sustained by the land holders over whose land said road passes
as follows viz. All the Land owned by the R.R. Corporation
to be free of expense to the Town & said Town to be known as
for building said road or keeping it in repair hereafter

Allowed to the Heirs of Abel Washburn for land to be
paid by the R.R. Corporation \$25.00 Given under our
hands at Middleborough this Thirtieth day of July 1845

William Benson } Selectmen of
Thomas Duggett } Middleborough
James Thompson }
Richard Thompson }
John W. Winslow } Attest J.B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 5th 1845

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on
Monday October 5th 1845 pursuant to a Warrant
duly issued and returned of which the following
is a true copy viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth P. Co either of the Constables of the

Town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting.

On the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid

you are hereby required to notify and warn all

the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough

who are duly qualified to vote in Town affairs

to meet at the Town House in said Town on

Monday the Fifth day of October next at One

of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the

following business, to wit.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To see what action the Town will take relative

to an indictment against said Town on account

of the condition of the Road from the Dwelling

House of Edward Adams near Wm Eddy's works

Southerly to the House of Lewis Colby by the

Wareham Road

3rd To see what action the Town will take relative

to the building of the Road as laid out by the County

Commissioners through the Warden's Island

and anything thereon

4th To see what action the Town will take relative

to building the Road as recently laid out by

the County Commissioners in said Town between

the House of Jonathan Soule & Swamp Bridge

in the Town of Plympton

5th To see if the Town will take any action relative

to the late doings of the County Commissioners

on the petition of George W. Wood and others

6th To hear the report of any Committee or Town agent who
are ready to report to the Town on subject in their charge

Town Meeting October 5th 1846 Continued

Seventth To have the petition of Parmenas G. Sampson and others to form a School District to envelope the the house of Jared Alden and from thence easterly to the Rail Road near the dwelling house of Clarissa White and from thence westerly & northerly to the House of Andrew L. Alden the inhabitants within said limits to constitute one School District and act thereon as the Town shall see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough in due season as required by law thereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands the Twenty first day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty Six

Parmas Thompson	} Selectmen of Middleboro
Richard Sampson	
Thomas Daggett	
Jacob Winslow	
Stillman Benson	

Plymouth fs
By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town
Milton Alden Constable of Middleborough

- Art 1st Voted & Chas. Eliot Ward Esq. Moderator of sd. Meeting
2^d Voted to refer the Second Article to the Select men for them to act in relation thereto as they shall see fit.
3^d Voted that the building of the Road through the Barren Hills be referred to the selectmen

Town Meeting October 5th 1846 Continued

- for them to build as soon as they deem expedient and for the interest of the Town
Art 4th Voted to refer the building of the road between the house of Jonathan Soule and Swamp Bridge in Plympton to the Select men for them to build or cause to be built at such times as they may deem expedient
5th Voted that the subject on the petition of George W. Wood ^{and others} be referred to a committee of three to report at the next town meeting Chose for sd. Committee Sisdale Leonard Nathaniel Macomber & Capt Jonathan Cobb.
Voted to pass to the 7th Article.
7th Voted to indefinitely postpone the whole subject on the petition of Parmenas G. Sampson & others and the petition of Parmenas G. Sampson is put on file
Art 6th Stillman Benson made a report in relation to the money that has been expended on the highways the last five years & was by vote accepted & adopted & the same is put on file.
Israel W. Thompson made a report in relation to the money expended by him on the highways as surveyor which was by vote accepted & the same is put on file.
Israel W. Thompson made a report in relation to clearing the roads of snow which was voted to be laid on the table.
Voted to excuse Remond Stafford as missing from committee on the petition of G. W. Wood & chose Nathaniel Macomber in his stead.
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to October 12th 1846 at 1 o'clock P. M. at this place
Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

October Meeting of Oct 12th 1845 by Adjournment

Town Meeting Oct 5th 1845 by Adjournment
Eliab Ward Esqr Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an
Adjournment October 12th 1845

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting one half hour
Then this Meeting was taken up &

Consider Fuller made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as surveyor which was by vote accepted &
adopted and the same is on file

Daniel Alden made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highway by him
as surveyor which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file

Benjamin P. Pratt made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as surveyor which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file

Reuben Hafford made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as surveyor. Voted to recommend the report
until he has expended the remainder of
the money

Terrace Thomas made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as surveyor which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file

Andrew C. Wood made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as surveyor which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file

Nathan Sherman made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as surveyor Voted to recommend the report for
him to expend the remainder of his money

October Meeting Continued

Nathaniel W Reed made a report in
relation to money expended on the Highways
by him as surveyor Voted to recommend the
report until he has expended the remainder
of his money

The Surveyors of Highways made a report
in relation to clearing the Roads ~~clear~~ out
the next winter Voted to accept & adopt
the same which is as follows viz,

Gentlemen of the Town

The Committee
chosen to recommend some Method to keep
the highway open as possible of snow the
coming winter have attended to that duty
& report as follows, That the Selectmen be
authorised to appoint as many men for
that purpose as will together with the present
Surveyors make one man to each of the old
districts and that these surveyors or agents
shall employ men that are able and
willing to work and are others in opening
the roads if necessary, that they be authorised
to pay 10^c per hour for the same & report
their doings at the April Meeting
Middleborough Oct 5th 1845

Isaac W. Thompson

Chairman of the Committee

Voted to Adjourn to next Town Meeting at
this place at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. W. Shaw Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting Oct 12th 1846 39

Annual March Meeting of March 9th 1845
by Adjournment

Eliab Ward Esqr Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an
adjournment October 12th 1845

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer
made a further report which was by vote
vote accepted and voted that it be laid
on the table

Voted to divide the net income of the Herring
for the years 1845 & 46 equally on the tax paying
persons of this town the present year

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized and
directed to collect all of the old Taxes and
other demands outstanding in favor of the
Town in three months from this date

Voted that the money arising from the Taxes
which the Town holds against Silvanus Kimbrey
& Samahel Bonnaville be divided the same
as the herring money the present year
when collected

Tax 8525th Voted to raise the sum of 8525th by Tax the
present year for the current expenses &c.

Voted that the Tax Bills be committed to the
Collector the first of November next

Voted that a deduction of 10 per cent shall be
made on all taxes paid within 60 days from
the commitment of sd bills Also 5 per cent on
all paid within 90 days & Also 3 per cent on all
paid within 120 days from sd commitment

Voted That the Collector issue his summons
on the first day of June next

Voted to allow 10 cents per hour for Shoveling
Snow the last winter

Voted to adopt the report made by the committee
to settle with the Treasurer with the exception
of that part which relates to the raising of money

Continued

Voted that the selectmen be directed to
over haul all the old Tax Bills and remit all
such Taxes as they think cannot be collected

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to next
Town Meeting at the place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 9th 1845 by adjournment

Eliab Ward Esqr Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an
adjournment Nov 9th 1845

Voted that the Building or repairing of the
Bridge near the Forge belonging to the
Siemasket Manufacturing Co be referred to
the selectmen for them to use their discretion
in Building or repairing

Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting at
this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 9th 1846 by

Adjournment Eliab Ward Esqr Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an
adjournment November 23rd 1845 No business
coming before sd Meeting

Voted to Adjourn to next Meeting at this place
at 1 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 9th 1846 by

Adjournment Eliab Ward Esqr Moderator being

absent Voted I Chase Jr or W. Wood Moderator

in his stead This Meeting was taken up

pursuant to an adjournment June 8th 1847

No business coming before sd Meeting

Voted to adjourn to next Meeting at this

Place

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Nov 9th 1845

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday November 9th 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy, viz:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to Vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the ninth day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon for the following purpose, to wit,

First To determine the number of Representatives they will elect to the next General Court to be holden at Boston

Second To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor & Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth and two Senators for the County of Plymouth and also for one Representative who is an Inhabitant of Congressional District Number Nine to Represent said District in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1845 also for one Representative who is an Inhabitant of said Congressional District, to Represent said District in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1847 & also for one or more Representatives to the next General Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. All the Candidates Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, Representatives to Congress, & Representatives to the General Court to be voted for on one Ballot.

Town Meeting Nov 9th 1845 Continued

And the Poll to be opened for receiving votes at 4 of an hour past 9 O'clock.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough in due season as the Law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands at Middleborough this Twentieth day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty Six.

Cyrus Thompson
Richard Simpson
Thomas Leggett
Jesse Winslow
Stillman Benson

Selectmen
of
Middleborough

Plymouth, ss. Middleborough November 7th 1845
I hereby certify that I have dispensed all of the Inhabitants of Middleborough aforesaid who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House and for the purpose as within directed by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in said Town attested copies of the within Warrant

Cyrus F. Caswell Constable
of Middleborough

Voted Not to send any Representatives to General Court the present year.

Voted Not to reconsider the vote wherein they voted not to send any Representatives the present year.

The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives to Congress, viz,

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The whole number of Ballots for Governor was 815
 Isaac Davis had 434 Votes
 George S. Briggs " 361 "
 Samuel E. Fessall " 17 "
 Henry Shaw " 1 "
 Francis Bagley " 2 "

The whole number of Ballots for Lieut. Governor was 813
 George Hood had 434 Votes
 John Reed " 361 "
 John M. Brewster " 17 "
 Charles W. Moore " 1 "

The whole number of Ballots for Senators was 811
 Edward P. Little had 434 Votes
 Eliab Ward " 431 "
 Thomas P. Beal " 360 "
 Welcome Young " 360 "
 Nathan Whitman " 17 "
 Charles W. Macomber " 17 "
 William Barrows " 1 "
 Caleb Rider " 1 "

The whole number of Ballots for Representatives to
 29th & 30th Congress in District Number 9 was 815
 Foster Hooper had 433 Votes
 Artemas Hale " 361 "
 Laban M. Wheaton " 17 "
 Job Perry " 4 "

Voted to reconsider the vote wherein they ~~would~~
 not to send any Representatives to General Court
 the present year.

Voted to send two Representatives to the
 General Court the present year.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.
 Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

14 Adjournment of Oct. Meeting Nov. 9th 1845

Town Meeting Oct 5th 1845 by Adjournment
 Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an
 adjournment Nov. 9th 1845

✓ Reuben Whaffad made a report in relation
 to money expended on the highway by
 him as surveyor which was by vote
 accepted and adopted and the same is on
 file.

Voted to adjourn to next town Meeting at this
 place at 3 O'clock P. M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

October Meeting of October 5th 1845 by Adjournment

Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an

✓ Adjournment November 23rd 1845 No business
 coming before S. Meeting

Voted to Adjourn to next Meeting at this place
 at 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

October Meeting of October 5th 1845 by Adjournment

Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator being absent Voted

✓ O. Chase Esq. W. W. Wood Esq. Moderator in his stead

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an

adjournment Jan. 4th 1845 No business coming

before S. Meeting Voted to adjourn to

next Meeting at this place at 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 25 1848 for Representatives

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday December 25th 1848 to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy, viz.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough Greeting,
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified by Law to vote in Elections, to meet together at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty third Instant, being the fourth Monday of said Month of November at eleven O'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following business to wit: To hear the Petition and answer thereon of Jacob Thompson and others, asking for a meeting of the Legal Voters of said Town on the fourth Monday of November Instant for the purpose of choosing two Representatives to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Also another Meeting at the same time and place to act on the following

First To choose a Moderator.

Second To hear the Petition of Horatio D. Thomas and others, Voters in School District No 13 asking said to vote such sum of money as will be necessary to repair the School House in said District and act thereon as they may see cause. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several meeting Houses in said Town in due season as the law requires, Whereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Town Meeting Nov 25 Continued

Given under our hands at Middleborough this Thirtieth day of November in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six

Richard Sampson
Vernus Thompson
Thomas Daggett
Jesse Winslow
Stillman Benson

Selectmen
of
Middleborough

Plymouth Co. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Middleborough November 19th 1848 Milton Alden

Constable of Middleborough
Voted to send two Representatives to General Court the next Winter 1849 in favour 335 against 412
The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Representatives to General Court as follows viz.

Cephas Shaw	had	487	votes
Drabham M. Triben	"	455	"
William H. Wood	"	332	"
Oliver Eaton	"	332	"
Merrill Robinson	"	1	"
Jonathan Cobb	"	1	"

Also Another Meeting convened up under the same warrant

Voted and chosen Chas. Ward Esqr Moderator

Voted To raise a sum of money not to exceed \$25. to repair the school House in District No 13

Voted That this money be put in the hands of a committee for them to expend and repair said School House Chose for said committee Stillman Benson Thomas Daggett and Richard Sampson

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Jan 4th 1847

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on
Monday Jan 4th 1847 pursuant to a warrant
duly issued and returned of which the
following is a true copy, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Plymouth Co.

To wit: That the Constable of the
Town of Middleborough in said County being
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
you are hereby required to notify & warn all
the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
who are qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet
at the Town House in said Middleborough on
Monday the fourth day of January next at one
of the clock in the afternoon for the following
purpose to wit:

- First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
Second To hear the Reports of any of the Surveyors
of Highways in Town who have not previously
reported their doings to the town and acting thing thereon
Third To see if the Town will do anything relative to
appropriating the Interest of the Surplus Revenue
money belonging to the Town which has not been
appropriated for any object and with thereon as they may
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting
Houses in said Town of Middleboro in due
season as the law requires, Hereof fail not and
make return of this warrant with your doings thereon
to the Town Clerk on or before the time of Meeting as
aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty first
day of December in the year Eighteen Hundred
Forty Six

Stittman Benson } Selectmen
Richard Sampson }
Thomas Daggett }
Venus Thompson } Middleborough
Jirah Winslow }

Town Meeting Jan 4th 1847 Continued

Middleborough Dec 25 1845

Plymouth Co

By virtue of this warrant I have
notified the inhabitants of sd Town qualified
to vote in town affairs by posting up notices at
the several Meeting Houses in sd Town as
within directed

jos Clark D Constable

1847 Voted & chose George W. Wood Moderator

1847 Scimus Benson made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highway by him as
Surveyor 1845 which was by vote accepted &
adopted and the same is on file.

Chimney Shobridge made a report in relation
to money expended on the Highways by him
as Surveyor 1845 which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file.

Rathliff W. Reed made a report in relation to
money expended on the Highways by him as
Surveyor 1845 which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file.

Rathliff Sherman made a report in relation to
money expended on the Highways by him as
Surveyor 1845 which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file.

Albert Thomas made a report in relation to
money expended on the Highways by him as
Surveyor 1845 which was by vote accepted &
adopted & the same is on file.

1847 Voted to appropriate \$400. of the Interest
of the surplus Revenue for the use of schools
the present winter, to be divided equally on
the polls in the several Districts in said Town
Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest J. W. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting Monday March 15 1847

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 15 1847 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Comptrolers of the town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I, the undersigned, do hereby direct you to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the Fifteenth day of March instant at Ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- 2^d To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 3^d To choose a board of Auditors of the Town accounts to allow claims against the Town and order the payment thereof.
- 4th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- 5 To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges for the ensuing year and act thereon as they may think proper.
- 6th To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray all the expenses the present year and appropriate the same as they shall think most proper and proper to direct whom to be assessed, how paid and collected, and act on any thing in relation thereto as the Town may see cause.
- 7th To allow claims against the Town and order the payment as they shall see cause.
- 8th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the Town with an

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estimate of what sum will be necessary to be raised by Tax to meet the appropriations the present year.

- 9th To see if the Town will vote to pay to their Collector & Treasurer for his services the last year.
- 10th To choose some one to have the care of the Town House and also a Pound Keeper for the present year.
- 11th To see if the Town will authorize their prudential School Committee to contract with Teachers for their instruction and act thereon.
- 12th To hear reports from any Agent Committee on Town affairs relating to subjects in their charge and act thereon as they may think proper.
- 13th To dispose of the Towns privilege of taking Hearings at the several fishing places in said Town as the law provides, the present year and act thereon as they may think proper.
- 14th To see if the Town will choose a committee to make a contract with some persons to have the charge and superintendence of the affairs of the House of Correction for this year ensuing.
- 15th To see if the Town will do any thing relative to repairing their Town House and act thereon.
- 16th To have the petition of Paul Thompson and others asking to set off said Stephen's Island and Estate and the Estate of Caleb Turner from School District No. 25 and annex them to School District No. 26.
- 17th To have the petition of Luther Thompson and others asking that the Town would fund the Linn's money that has been paid into their Treasury by Redders.

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several meeting houses in said Town in due season as the Law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hand this Second day of March in the year eighteen hundred and Forty Seven

Stellman Benson } Selectmen
Nemus Thompson }
Richard Sampson } Middleborough
Thomas Daggett }
Jesse Winslow }

Wherefore for Breach of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said Town as with directed, Middleborough March 8th 1847

Milton Alden Constable }
of Middleborough }

Voted by Ballot and made choice of William W. Wood Esq. Moderator of future meetings. The following persons were then elected by ballot to the several offices designated viz:
Jacob B. Shaw Town Clerk

Jesse Winslow }
Bathamel Sampson } Selectmen
William Eaton }
Cyrus Thompson }
School J. Howard }

Voted that Thomas Standish be manager for taking and selling the Herring the present year

Voted to adjourn to first Monday in April 11 o'clock A.M.
Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting Apr 5th 1847 by adjournment

Monday April 5th 1847 this meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment.

William W. Wood Esq. Moderator
Town Clerk going about three o'clock the following were called to order
Noted by Ballot for Treasurer & collected from the dues of Jacob B. Shaw

Overseers of the Poor

Bathamel Sampson, Peter Vaughan & Job P. Nelson

School Committee

Noted by Ballot for Isaac March Harlow, James G. Caswell & Isaac W. Whitman, Hercules Richmond & J. P. Nelson

Resolved to raise the sum of \$1000 with the Treasurer chosen to be paid to the Thomas W. Wood School Committee & cleared by Richmond

Resolved to raise the sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the support of schools the present year & to divide the same into four parts & divide the district, two districts excepted, and three fourths of the children between four & sixteen years of age

Resolved to raise the sum of Twentyfour Hundred Dollars for the repair of Highways the present year to be spent in labour.

Constables

Joseph Clark, Milton Alden, George W. Pierce, John P. Nelson, James Harlow, Cyrus P. Caswell, Philo S. Burdick, Samuel W. Pider, Southworth Ellis, Thomas Spooner Jr. and Cleager Thomas.

Surgeons of Lunatics

John Eaton, Salmon H. Washburn, Asa Benson, Lewis Eaton, Job P. Nelson, David L. Curtis, David Weston, George Cox, William Eaton, John M. Warren & James Warren.

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Prudential Committee for School Districts

1 Geo. M. Leach	15 Joshua Wood	29 William Baker
2 Southworth Ellis	16 Geo. Cushman	30 Abram Pierce
3 Joseph Shaw	17 Harrison Barron	31 Eben? D. Simpson
4 Charles Sprout	18 Jonathan W. Melton	32 Abner C. Danows
5 Almon Darling	19 John M. Warren	33 Clothier Allen
6 Thomas F. Wood	20 Jacob H. Smith	34 Eliza Southworth
7 Ebenezer C. Shaw	21 James F. Thompson	35 Ebenezer Ellis
8 Bartlett Thomas	22 George Barney	36 Horatio F. Wood
9 Oren Stoddard	23 Bradford H. Hobbins	37 Peregine W. Savory
10 Cyrus LeBaron	24 Harrison Staples	38 Warren Leveas
11 Princeton Harmon	25 Eliza Williams	39 Reuben Clark
12 Andrew Benson	26 John Montgomery	
13 Thomas Bishop	27 Pelatiah Briggs	
14 Joseph Barker	28 Philip M. Pierce	

Herring Inspectors

Ezra Chase, Thomas A. Pratt, Dexter Phillips,
Simon V. Standish, Eliza Tucker, Joseph L.
Bardem, Cushman, Vaughan, Calvin Southworth,
Abiah Burgep, John C. Perkins, Lothrop L. Thomas,
Disdole Leonard, Silvanus Winkley, James F. Cushman,
Guthrie Denny & Josiah B. Duller

Merchandise

John C. Perkins, Lothrop L. Thomas & Albert Thomas

- 48 13 Voted that the Herrings be sold for 50¢ per
hundred to Towns people, and the money
distributed in the poles.
Voted that no person shall have more than
two hundred Herrings when there are the
persons wishing them.
Voted that a man's order should be the same
as his person.
Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee
to distribute two hundred Herrings to those
persons who they think need them.

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Surveyors of Highways

Elijah Haskett	Benj. F. Wood	Alva Simshaw
Samuel Bider	Oratio D. Thomas	Samuel Robbins Jr
Asa Benson	Adnah Jackson	Josiah Charles
Dora Weston	Thomas Weston	Levi Stoddard
Thomas Thompson	David Ashley	Loring Bryant
Reuben Pratt	John Warren	Henry W. Smith
Erasmus Drake	Alshai D. Clark	Salmon Caswell
Lebedee Leonard	Josiah Doka	Simon D. Pratt
Willard Clark	Samuel W. Woodhull	Benard Ellis
Charles Richmond	David C. Vaughan	Brother Pickens
Southworth Ellis	Edward Hathaway	Silvanus Bass Jr
Job P. Nelson	John Southworth	Edmund F. Pope
John Allen	Albert Esley	Philanda Simpson
Thomas M. LeBaron	Joseph S. Ward	Thomas D. Berrington Jr
George Canedy	Joseph C. Wood	Tilmon Stoddard
John Southworth	Jared Alden	Eben D. Simpson
John Shaw	Elkanah Williams	Copbas Shaw
Peregine W. Savory	Edward Richmond	John Clark
Leage M. Leach	Darius Smith	

Town Viewers & Child Dividers

Eliaser Thomas	James Haskett	Reuben W. Pratt
Levi F. Simshaw	William Paul	Elijah Haskett
Josiah W. Dutton	Cushman Vaughan	Calvin Willson
Daniel Stoddard	Carl Alden	Ephraim Pickens
Elas Simshaw	Willard Clark	Simon D. Standish
Simon Baker	Thomas W. Wood	Benjamin Freeman
Francis Reed	William Baker	Stephen C. Bider
Isabel Alden	Math C. Caswell Jr	Jacob Thomas
Ra Bryant	Elkanah Williams	Thomas Spooner Jr
Lebedee Thompson	John A. King	Loring Cushman
Peregine W. Savory	Joshua Haskett	Abraham Clark
Wm. H. Alden	David Alden Jr	Charles Sprout
Alden Eaton	Wm. Haskett	Wm. C. Swift
Eliza Williams	Edmund Thompson	

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Auditors

✓ Peter H. Pierce, Ebenezer Strickbridge,
Elvathan W. Wilbur, George W. Wood, &
Southworth Ellis.

✓ Voted to pass to the 11th Article

Art 11 Voted that the prudential School Committee be
authorised to contract with Teachers the present
year.

✓ Voted that Measurers of Wood & Oak be
appointed by the selectmen.

Art 9 Voted to pay the sum of \$50. to our Treasurer
& collector the last year.

Art 10 Voted that Benjamin Thompson keep the Key
of the Town House & have care of the same &
also that he shall be Pound Keeper

Art 12 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor made a report which was
by vote accepted and the same is on file.
Selectmen made a report relative to the Road
from Bragg's Meeting to Myricks Depot which
was by vote accepted and the same is on file.
Voted to choose an agent agreeable to the report
Chose for said agent Wm H. Wood.

✓ Voted that Thomas made a report in relation to
the hearings which was by vote accepted and
the same is on file.

Art 14 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a committee
to contract with some suitable person to have
charge and superintendence at the Almshouse
the next year evening.

Art 15 Voted that the article in relation to repairing
the Town House be referred to a committee of Ebenezer
Stone, Jos. B. Cummings, Oliver Eaton,
Jason Wilbur, George W. Wood, Otis Soule, Seth
Bennett, Peter Vanhook, Job P. Nelson, Daniel
Asa & Minnie. Voted that this committee be instructed to
report at the next Town Meeting

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Art 16 Voted that Paul Staples his Poll Estate and
the estate of Caleb Turnage be set off from
School District No 28 and annexed to school
District No 35.

Voted that the following resolutions be adopted.
Whereas it is the duty and privilege of the voters
and Taxpayers of the town to keep themselves
informed of the management of town affairs
and of the expenditures of money raised to
defray the town expenses and whereas as a
means of thus keeping the citizens informed
it is incumbent upon the various town officers
to keep a true account of all their acts and
proceedings and report the same to the
town therefore

1st Resolved that it is the duty of the select-
men (and they are hereby instructed) to
report to the town at their annual meeting
in March or April of each year an account
of all their proceedings during the year,
the amount of money which they have
appropriated, the objects for which it has
been expended and all their own charges
for doing the business of the town.

2^d Resolved that it is the duty of the Overseers of
the Poor (and they are hereby instructed) to
report also to the town at their annual
meeting in March or April of each year
an account of all their proceedings during
the year specifying in their report the
amount of money expended and for what
purposes in detail and so make their report
as to show to the town the expenses of maintain-
ing their Almshouses and also what is the
average expense of supporting each pauper
and in order to do this they should be
required to present in their report all

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amounts expended for the support of the pauper whether in the Almshouse or elsewhere; the amount allowed them for their non-services the interest on the amount expended in the purchase and improvement of the town farm and all other expenses that may have occurred in relation to the poor.

3^d Resolved that it be the duty of the agent appointed to take charge of the herring fishing and he is hereby instructed to report to the town the amount of money received and all expenses paid out specifying accurately to whom paid and for what purposes; how many herrings have been taken and what is the net income to the town together with his account for his own services.

4th Resolved that it is the duty of the Treasurer and collector and he is hereby instructed to strictly follow his instructions from the town, collect the taxes when ordered, and if not collected within the time ordered, by the town, that it shall be his duty to report to the town at the meeting holden next after the expiration of said time how much remains unpaid, against whom, and unpaid taxes are levied, and as by they are not collected, and give all other necessary information in regard to them.

5th Resolved that the committee annually chosen by the town to settle with the Treasurer are hereby instructed to call on all committees or agents of the town to inquire in relation to their acts to settle with the Treasurer of the town, ascertain how much the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor are paid for their services, ascertain what is the annual expense of the Almshouse, also of the Roads. —

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ascertain what committees are paid for their services and what are not, and report in detail to the town annually with an account of their own charges for services.

8th Resolved that it is the duty of the School Committee (and they are hereby instructed) to report to the town in addition to their usual report, their own doings for the year the amount of money paid the several teachers in the town and all their own charges for services rendered the town thereby showing the expense as nearly as may be the total amount expended for schools by the town.

Noted to adjourn to next town meeting at this place

Everett Robinson Clerk for town

Measures of Wood & Bark

Andrew M. Eaton, George Leonard & Walter G. Wood.
 Jonathan W. Melbur, Lathrop Shurtliff
 Cornelius B. Wood, Daniel Alden, Wm. Alden.
 Bela Kingman Wm C. Eddy, George M. Wood,
 Seth Southworth, George Bennett, Lathrop S. Thoms
 Seth Fuller, Earle Sears, B. S. Washburn
 We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of
 Middleborough have this day appointed
 the above named persons to be Measures of
 wood and bark for the present year.
 April 12th 1837

Isaac Munton }
 Henry Thompson }
 Seth Sampson }
 William Eaton }
 Sabaed F. Wood }

Adjournment March Meeting April 25 1847

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment
April 25 1847 Wm. H. Wood Esq. Moderator
being absent Voted Chase Eliot Ward Esq.
Moderator of 2^d Meeting

Voted to excuse Gardner Hathaway from
serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose
Hathaway Thurtell in his stead.

Voted to excuse John Butterworth from
serving as Surveyor of Highways and chose
George W. Wood in his stead.

Voted to excuse Loring Bryant from serving
as Surveyor of Highways and chose William
Davis in his stead.

Voted to excuse George W. Canedy from serving
as Surveyor of Highways and chose John W.
Canedy in his stead.

Voted to chose three more Hearing Inspectors
Chose for said inspectors Gamble Rannville
Serranus Standish & Albert Thomas.

The School Committee made their Annual
report which was read and the same is on file.
Voted that a thousand copies of the School
Committee report be printed.

Voted to reconsider the vote wherein they voted
that a man's order should be the same as
his person for hearings.

Voted That one man shall present more
than three orders to be answered the same day.
The Committee chosen in relation to the repairing
the Town House made a report which was by vote ac-
cepted and adopted & the same is on file.

Voted that the whole subject of building and
locating the town house be referred to the same
Committee with instructions to report at the next town meeting.

Voted that the Assessors commit the Highway tax bills
to the several surveyors of Highways by the 25th of May.

Voted to Adjourn to next town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Adjournment March Meeting June 28 1847

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment
June 28th 1847 Wm. H. Wood Esq. Moderator
No business coming before 2^d Meeting
Voted to adjourn to next meeting at
this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 15 1847 by
Adjournment Oct 11th 1847 Wm. H. Wood Esq.
Moderator being absent Voted using Chas.
Joseph Jackson Moderator of 2^d Meeting.
The committee to settle with the Treasurer
made a report which was by vote accepted &
put on file.

Voted to raise the sum of \$8116.54 by tax
the present year for the current expenses &c.

Voted that the Tax Bills be committed to
the collector the first of November next.

Voted that a deduction of 10 per cent be made
on all taxes paid within 50 days from the
commitment of 2^d bill, Also 5 per cent on

all paid within 90 days & also 3 per cent on
all paid within 120 days from 2^d commitment.

Voted that the collector issue his summons
on the first of April 1848.

Voted to adjourn to next town meeting
at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 15th 1847 by
adjournment Nov 5th 1847 Wm. H. Wood Esq.
Moderator.

No business coming before 2^d Meeting
Voted to Adjourn to next town meeting at
2 o'clock P.M. at this place

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Apr 5th 1847 for County Commissioners

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday April 6th 1847 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned for which the following is a true copy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting,
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the fifth day of April next at three of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their vote to the Selectmen on one ballot for three County Commissioners and also for two special Commissioners to be designated as such being all inhabitants of different towns in our said County of Plymouth.

Also to cause a moderator to govern another Meeting at the same time.
To see if the Town will reconsider the vote wherein they acted that their collector should issue his summons the first of June and act thereon.
And you are directed to serve this warrant in due season with the law requires by pasting up at the several Public Meeting Houses in Middleborough attested copies of the same, Whereof faithful and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,
Given under our hands this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

Jerah Minot
Vernon Thompson } Selectmen
Schubert Wood
William Eaton } Middleborough
John Sampson }

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Middleborough March 25th 1847

Plymouth Co. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Town wherein directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town

For Clerk Constable
Town clerk being absent voted and made choice of Everett Robinson Esq. Town clerk Retiring
Then proceeded to vote by ballot for County Commissioners which being counted and declaration thereof being made was as follows

W3. These be the number of Ballots for Commissioners in 1847

Joshua Smith Hanson	had	257
Edwigea Pichens Middleboro		257
John Todd Marshfield		345
Freeman C. Holmes Plymouth		78
Harace Callamore Pembroke		77
Philo Leach Bridgewater		11
John Savory Carver		10
Special Commissioners		
Edward Southworth Jr. Bridgewater		258
Theophilus King Rochester		257
Jabez P. Thompson Holiston		31
Eliah Ward Middleborough		73
Wm. Conne Young Bridgewater		8
John Sack Carver		1

Then voted and made choice of Wm. W. Wood Esq. Moderator

Voted to reconsider the vote wherein we acted that our collector should issue his Summons on the first of June

Everett Robinson Clerk pro tempore

Town Meeting April 25th 1847

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The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday April 25th 1847 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy, Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts ss. The Plymouth ss. To either of the constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting, In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby requested to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Twenty Fifth day of April Instant at one O'clock in the afternoon for the following purpose to wit:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2^d To see what Town will do in relation to building & repairing a Bridge near the Forge,
- 3^d To see what the Town will do in relation to building the Peregrine road as laid out by the County Commissioners,
- 4th To see what the Town will do in relation to building the East Middleborough Road,
- 5th To see what the Town will do in relation to building a road from Aaron Snows to John Warren as laid out by the County Commissioners and act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due season with the law requires by posting up at the several Public Meeting Houses in said Middleborough attested copies of the same. Verily said not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day of said Meeting, Given under our hands this twelfth day of April Eighteen hundred forty seven

Jerah Winslow } Selectmen
 Remus Thompson }
 Lebedee F. Wood } Middleborough
 Nathl. Sampson }

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Plymouth ss. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting Notice at the several Meetings said Town as within directed,

Milton Alden Constable

Middleborough April 25th 1847

- 1st Voted & chose Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator of the
- 2^d Voted to refer this Article to a committee of three chosen for a committee Richard Sampson, Nathl. Staples & George W. Wood, and the committee is instructed to build the Bridge as laid out and located by the County Commissioners and they are further instructed to cause the Bridge to be built,
- 3^d Voted to refer this Article to a committee of three chosen for a committee George W. Wood, Richard Sampson & William Estor,
- 4th Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen for them to be instructed to cause this road to be built at such times as they shall deem expedient,
- 5th Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen for them to cause this road to be built as laid out by the County Commissioners,
- Voted to accept and adopt the report made by Theodore Leonard as a committee on a road and the same is on file,
- Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 28th 1847

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday June 28th 1847 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we are required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty eighth day of June instant at Two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business to wit,

- First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- Second To see what action the town will take in relation to their right title and interest in certain Rail Road Stock in the Fall River Rail Road Corporation and act thereon as the town shall see cause.
- Third To see if the Town will annex Isaac Pratt, Phillip C. Pratt, Jacobson R. Pratt, and Jacobson Pratt, with their polls and estates to school District No 21 as recommended by the Westport Committee and act thereon as the town see cause.
- Fourth To see what action the Town will take in relation to the petition of Silvanus Hinckley and others now pending before the County Commissioners for the location of a public Highway and act thereon as the town shall see cause.

Town Meeting Continued June 28th 1847

Fifth To see what action the town will take in relation to the petition of John Warren and others now pending before the County Commissioners for the location of a public Highway and act thereon as the town shall see cause.

Sixth To see if the town will authorize some committee or agent to prosecute the Town of Scituate for not settling their portion of the cost and expense of repairing the Road by the Briggs Meeting House to Myrick's depot called the Rhode Island Road and act thereon as the town shall see cause.

Seventh To hear any reports or suggestions from committee or agents of the town and act thereon as the town may see fit.

Eighth To see if the town will take any measures relative to preserving or copying and collecting their records.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough in due season as the law requires thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or before the day and time of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands at Middleborough this fourteenth day of June Eighteen hundred and Forty seven.

Jacob Winslow } Selectmen
Nathaniel Sampson }
William Eaton }
Vernon Thompson }
School F. Howard }

Middleborough June 17, 1847. Plymouth Co. I certify of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town
Jas Clark Jr. Constable

Town Meeting June 28th 1847 Continued

- Art 1st Voted and chose Wm. H. Wood Esq. Moderator.
- 2^d Voted That the Town dispose of the rights which it has in the new Stock which has been lately made in the Fall River Rail Road Corporation.
- Voted To chose a committee of three to dispose of the rights the Town has in this new Stock, consisting of Peter H. Poirer, Wm. H. Wood & Sarah Tucker.
- Art 3^d The following vote was passed which was as follows (Viz) To see if the Town consider the report of the Selectmen of Westport legally made & acted upon by the Town where the following persons viz Jacobson R. Pratt, Jacobson Pratt, Isaac Pratt, & Phillip C. Pratt, with their polls & estate were taken from Dist. No 20 & set to Dist. No 21. the same having been done by a Geographical boundary agreeably to a vote passed April 7th 1845 at an adjournment of the Annual March Meeting.
- Voted That Isaac Pratt, Phillip C. Pratt, Jacobson R. Pratt & Jacobson Pratt be set off from School Dist. No 20 and annexed to School Dist. No 21. if they have not legally been set off before by the Westport Committee.
- Art 4th Voted to refer this article on the petition of Silvanus Hinckley & others to the Selectmen.
- Art 5th Voted to refer this article on the petition of John Warren & others to the Selectmen.
- Art 6th Wm. H. Wood made a report in relation to the Road by Briggs Meeting House to Myricks Depot which was by vote accepted & the same is on file.
- Voted That the whole matter of this article be referred to J. H. Winslow for him to act thereon as he may deem expedient.
- Art 7th The by laws read by Thomas W. Wood were accepted and referred to next town Meeting for further action.

Town Meeting June 28th 1847 Continued

- Art 8th Voted To refer this article in relation to repairing the records to a committee of three chose for said committee Thomas W. Wood, Wm. H. King & Nathan King.
- Voted to dissolve this Meeting.
- Attest J. H. Shaw Town Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #103
TOWN RECORDS 1847-1849, 16:69-136 Holbrook

Town Meeting Oct 11th 1847

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday Oct 11th 1847 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of a town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the eleventh day of October next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following business to wit.

- First To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- Second To see what action the town will take relation to repairing their arms house and out building and act on any thing thereon.
- Third To see what the town will do in relation to some poor money received by their former collector of taxes and act thereon as the town shall see cause.
- Fourth To see if the town will sell a small lot of land on the northerly side of the Cape Cod Branch Rail Road near Fall Brook and act thereon as the town shall see cause.
- Fifth To see if the town will adopt any bye laws that may be brought before them and act thereon as the town shall see cause.
- Sixth To here the report of the committee appointed to collect and take measures to preserve the Town records and act thereon as the town shall see cause.
- Seventh To see what steps if any the town will take in order that the fish called alewives may be better directed and protected by the flitting mill

October Meeting Continued

dam and also the new works dam and also at Smiths Brook.

To here the report of any committee or towns agent who are ready to report to the town on subjects in their charge and act thereon as the town shall see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said town of Middleborough in due season as required by law. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of Meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Thirtieth day of September Eighteen Hundred and Forty seven

Vernus Thompson
Jurat Winslow
Nathaniel Sampson
Williams Eaton
Schabod F. Howard
Selectmen of Middleborough

Middleboro Oct 2nd 1847

Plymouth Co. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro who are qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at their town house by posting up notices at their several Meeting Houses in said town as within directed

John Clark Constable

- 1st Voted & chose Joseph Jackson Moderator
- 2nd Voted to refer this article to the Overseers of the Poor for them to make such repairs as they think necessary.
- 3rd Voted to chose a committee to report the circumstances of the ^{property to the} town chose for a committee Geo W. Wood.

Town Meeting Oct 11th 1847 Continued

Art 4th Voted to chose a committee to dispose of the land if they think proper, and that this committee consist of the Overseers Poor & that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized to sign the deed if they sell the land.

5th Voted to pass over this article.

6th The Committee chosen to collect and peruse the town records made a report in relation thereto which was by vote recommitted to the same committee. Ja. Thoma to copy such parts of the record that Capt. Mellen has in his possession as they think proper and to note where the original can be found, and copy such parts of the Town records as they think proper.

7th Voted that the representatives be a committee to petition the Legislature to make a law to prohibit catching herrings by the towns of Middleborough & Rochester at the Dartmouth Brook so called.

Voted that a committee be chosen to view the Herring ways at the Stitting mill & Newwork & report at the next town Meeting Voted that

this committee consist of five Chas. Jarvis committee Gann Reameville Albert. Thomas Thomas Standish Leothrop J. Thomas Silvanus Kinckley.

8th Josiah Winslow made a report in relation to the Rhode Island road which was recommended to him again and for him to be authorized to prosecute the town of Frampton if he thinks proper after thorough investigation.

9th P. H. Peirce made a report in relation to the Surplus Revenue which was by vote accepted and put on file.

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P. H. Peirce made a report in relation to a settlement with G. H. Wood which was accepted and put on file.

Voted to strike out all demands on said report except what is due from G. H. Wood.

P. H. Peirce made a report in relation to selling the new Sticks on the Fall River Rail Road which was by vote accepted & put on file.

Voted to adjourn to next town Meeting at this place.

Attest J. A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Oct 11th 1847 by Adjournment Nov 8th 1847 Joseph Jackson Moderator being absent Voted and chose Josiah Winslow Moderator in his stead.

Gann & Reameville made a report in relation to the Herring fishing the Stitting Dam and New Works which was by vote accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz.

To the Town of Middleborough.
The Committee chosen at the Town Meeting of October 11th 1847. to view the Herring ways at the Stitting mill and New Works and to report at the next Town Meeting have attended to that duty, & now report that all of the committee were together at the Stitting mill and there examined the fishing and privilege of taking fish thereat and we are unanimous in opinion that an alteration in the way is necessary and must be done for the convenient fishing of the fish and also for the catching without the great expense that has heretofore attached thereto and the fishing at the said Works it is necessary that there should be
over

Bridge Meeting Oct 11th 1847 by Adjournment

grates put across the stream at the mouth of the fishway to prevent the fish from going up to the wheels of the works or the dam And that the fish Agent be directed to attend to the doing of the necessary alterations to the premises as soon as practicable All of which is respectfully submitted, Nov 8th 1847

Yours &c. R. R. Conner

in Order of the Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next town meeting at this place
Attest J. R. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Nov 8th 1847

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday Nov 8th 1847 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy, Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Eighth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the following purpose, To wit,

1st To determine the number of Representatives they will elect to the next General Court to be holden at Boston.

and To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor & Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth and two Senators for the County of Plymouth and also for one or more Representatives to the next General Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. All the candidates Governor Lieut Governor Senators & Representatives to the General Court to be voted for on one ballot.

2^d To see what the town will do in relation to the report of the County Commissioners for damages done to lands belonging to said Town by the location of the Cape Cod Branch Rail Road and act thereon as the town shall see cause

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1847 continued

And the Poll to be opened for receiving votes at 1/2 of an hour past 4 o'clock A.M. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough in due season as the law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands at Middleborough this Twenty third day of October in the year eighteen hundred and forty seven.

James Thompson }
William Eaton } Selectmen
Nathaniel Sampson }
Schobed A. Atwood } Middleborough
Jirah Winslow }
Plymouth Sp.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough by posting up attested copies at the several Meeting Houses in said town as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable
of Middleboro Oct 28th 1847

Voted to send two Representatives to the General Court the next winter.

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Representatives to General Court viz.

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 850
Caleb Cushing had 467
George D. Briggs " 377
Samuel C. Sewall " 5
George Bancroft " 1

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The whole number of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 853 Votes

Henry W. Cushman had 469

John Reed " 379

John M. Brewster " 5

The whole number of ballots for Senators was 857

Edward P. Tuttle had 468

Eliel Ward " 450

William H. Wood " 377

William J. Jarnes " 379

Nathaniel Whitman " 4

Ralph Partridge " 4

John G. Vaughan " 1

The whole number of ballots for Representatives to General Court was 845

Samuel M. Tribon had 459

Cephas Shaw " 464

Cornelius B. Wood " 372

Eleazer Richmond " 374

Horatio G. Wood " 1

James G. Cushman " 1

Noted and chose James B. Bodwell Moderator

Noted to chose a Committee of three to look into and settle the affair in relation to the East

Road passing through the Town Farm, chose for a Committee Geo. W. Wood, James

Barnesville, and Silvanus Brinkley.

Noted that this Committee have full power to settle with the Corporation and receive the

Money and sign the agreement or take any other method that they think proper for the interest of the town.

Voted to adjourn to next town Meeting at the place

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting Monday March 13th 1848

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 13th 1848 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz

Warrant Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Thirtieth day of March next at Ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit,

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at sd Meeting.

2 To Choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

3 To Choose a board of Auditors if the Town see cause to allow claims against the Town and to order the payment thereof.

4 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

5 To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges for the ensuing year and act anything thereon.

6 To raise such sums of Money as the Town may think necessary to defray all the expenses the present year and appropriate the same as they shall think needfull and proper, to direct to be assessed how paid and collected and do any thing in relation thereto as the Town may see cause.

7 To allow demands against the Town and order the payment as they shall see cause.

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8th To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer and report to the Town with an estimate of what sum will be necessary to be raised by tax to meet all appropriations the present year.

9th To see if the Town will vote the pay to their Collector and Treasurer for his services the last year.

10th To choose some one to have the care of the Town House and also a Pound keeper for the present year.

11th To see if the Town will authorize their prudential School Committee to contract with Teachers for their districts and act thereon.

12th To hear reports from any Agent Committee or Town officers relating to Subjects in their charge and act any thing thereon as the Town shall see cause.

13th To dispose of the Towns privilege of taking Herrings at the several fishing places in said Town as the law provides the present year and act thereon as they may think proper.

14th To see if the Town will choose a committee to make a contract with some person to have the charge and superintendence of the affairs at the almshouse for the next year ensuing.

15th To see if the Town will do any thing relative to building a new Town House or repairing the old one and act any thing thereon as the Town shall see cause.

16th To see what the Town will do in relation to paying William C. Well the sum of fifty dollars for rent of armory one year up to December 31st 1849 and act any thing thereon as the Town shall see cause.

17th To see if the Town will set off Spabensburgh hill with his polls and to take from School District No 24 and annex him to school District No 35 and act any thing thereon.

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25th 18th To see what the Town will do in relation to having the road across the Borden hills built according to contract.
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due season as the law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of Meeting as aforesaid given under our hands this Twenty sixth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and forty eight

Isaac Winslow } Selectmen
Nemus Thompson }
William Eaton } Middleborough
Nathaniel Sampson }
Shabod F. Atwood }

Plymouth Co. March 6th 1848

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up copies of the within warrant at the several Meeting Houses as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable
of Middleborough

Noted by ballot and made choice of

William H. Wood Esq. Moderator

The following persons were then elected by ballot to the several Offices designated Viz.

Jacob B. Shaw Town Clerk

Jacob B. Shaw Treasurer & Collector

Ctis Soule

William Eaton } Selectmen

Shabod F. Atwood }

Nathaniel Sampson }

Job Peirce

March Meeting Continued 1848

Overseers of the Poor

Job P. Nelson Elderly Richmond 2^d and
Peter Vaughan

Prudential Committee for School District

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| 1. Prince Penman | 21. Chas. W. Hathaway |
| 2. William C. Swift | 22. William B. Richmond |
| 3. Elisha Wood | 23. Jared Alden |
| 4. James D. Wilder | 24. Cyrus Nelson |
| 5. Woodward Tucker | 25. Harris Rodgers |
| 6. Israel F. Thatcher | 26. Josephas Pichens |
| 7. Thomas Cushman | 27. Henry D. Bassett |
| 8. Jeremiah Wood | 28. Silas P. Ashley |
| 9. Asaph Atwood | 29. East Ashby |
| 10. Ephraim J. Atwood | 30. George Hobbs |
| 11. Stephen Shortleff | 31. Nath. Sampson |
| 12. Alpheus W. Bishop | 32. Reuben Gibbs |
| 13. James Lavery | 33. Gideon Hastings |
| 14. George P. Blacket | 34. Henry A. Deane |
| 15. Joseph L. Borden | 35. Jacob Thompson 2 ^d |
| 16. Joseph Still Bishop | 36. Richard B. Holmes |
| 17. Nelson Warren | 37. John Raymond |
| 18. Nathan Wing | 38. Oliver Leonard |
| 19. James G. Cushman | 39. John Clark |
| 20. Elijah C. Perkins | |

Surveyors of Highways

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| John Carver | Leah Lucas |
| Samuel Rider | Harris Rodgers |
| Standish Rider | Isaac Winslow |
| Isaac W. Thompson | Thomas M. Borden |
| Isaac Pratt | James H. Borden |
| Linus Washburn | Enoch Southworth |
| Lebilee Leonard | Barzilla B. Morse |
| Willard Clark | Shabod Sampson |
| Fredrick Leonard | Benjamin Soule |
| | Joseph J. Atwood |

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Surveyors of Highways Continued

George Van Dusen	George Wood
Arthur Murdock Jr	Lythner Ashley
Edward H. Waterman	Elias A. Cushman
William H. Kelley	Bradford Plaford
George Clark	James H. Barker
Lorenzo Wood	Arad Bryant
Edward A. Barrows	Henry H. Smith
Josiah Baker	James H. Cushman
Reuben Hafford	James H. Cushman
Harvey C. Thomas	Arad Covington
John B. Peine	Leather Pickens
John M. Warren	James H. Cushman
Albert Golding	Edmund F. Pope
Joseph F. Barden	Philo J. Murdock
John C. Reed	James H. Cushman
Daniel Alden	James H. Cushman
Elmer Strobidge	Benjamin P. Pratt
Albert G. Pratt	Asaph Atwood Jr
Benjamin Freeman	Leaburn Clark

Voted to pass to 10 Article

Art 10 Voted To refer the whole matter in relation to this article to the Selectmen for them to act on at their discretion.

Art 12 George W. Wood made a report in relation to the Rail Road passing through the Town Farm which was by vote accepted and the same is on file.

Voted To recommend the whole matter in relation to the Rail Road passing through the Town Farm back to the same Committee for them to settle as they think proper with power if they see fit to apply for a law. Voted to add two to this committee Chas Everett Robinson and Silas Pickens.

X Excused

March Meeting 1848 Continued

Art 12 George W. Wood made a report in relation to some poor money taken by Allen Shaw, their former collector of Taxes which was by vote accepted and the same is on file.

Voted To direct their Treasurer to pay Allen Shaw \$50. the amount of Poor money in his hands.

Voted That George W. Wood be a committee to dispose of the poor money and return the proceeds if any to the Town. Goranus Standish made a report in relation to taking and selling Herrings the last year which was by vote accepted and the same is on file.

Voted That Goranus Standish be an agent for taking and selling Herrings the present year.

Voted to tell the Herrings the same as last year which was for 50¢ per hundred to Town people and that no person shall have more than two hundred when there are other persons wishing them, and that in no order should be the same as this person.

Voted to divide the Herring Money equally on all the recipient tax payers, provided in no case the amount so received shall exceed their tax, it is also further provided that no person who receives two hundred Herrings gratuitously shall receive any part of said fish money.

Voted to adjourn to first Monday in April at 1 O'clock P.M.

Attest Jacob B. Standish Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment Apr 3 1848

March Meeting of March 13th 1848 by Adjournment
 Wm H Ward Esq. Moderated

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
 an Adjournment April 3rd 1848

Town Clerk being Absent Voted by ballot to

choose Ebenezer Robinson Clerk Protem

Voted to proceed to choose School Committee

Voted that this Committee consist of five

School Committee

Chosen Wilson Reider Geo. M. Seach

Ballot James Cushman p Abiel P. Booth &

Harrison Staples

Voted to excuse the following persons from

appearing as surveyors of Highways

Surveys Philander Robbins Isaac Lane

J. T. Keeglatkin C. Littlejohn

John W. Caneby Ebenezer Clark

Abiel Wood p Geo Thompson

Voted to choose in their stead

Surveys Jacob T. Barrows Sidney Tucker

James Wrightington Josiah Hornick

James Staples Ezra McCully

Josiah Trinkham Thomas J. Wood

Voted to choose one additional Surveyor of

Highways & Wm C. Eddy was chosen

Constables

Joseph Clark Milton Alden

Geo. W. Peirce Abner T. Haring

James Harlow Cyrus P. Caswell

Sam. W. Rider Jason Milbur

Luthworth Vetter Churchill T. Westgate

Seneca Thomas

Auditors

Peter H. Peirce Elmathan W. Milbur

Joshua Eddy Ebenezer Thobridge

William Benson Lebulon W. Pratt &

Geo. M. Wood

Adjournment March Meeting Continued 1848

Since May Men

John C. Perkins Ezra Chase &

Thomas A. Pratt.

Herring Inspectors

Job P. Nelson Gamk. Rounsaville

Charles Sampson Thomas Wilder

Cushman Vaughan Thomas Hinckley

Elisha Trickett Mober. Tribon

Joseph T. Barden John C. Perkins

Dexter Phillips Ezra Chase

Simon R. Standish Thomas A. Pratt

Albert Thomas Toranus Standish

Perry A. Willour Richard Carter

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Eleazer Thomas Limon Baker

Caleb Alden Francis Reed

James Warren Albert Southworth

Wm. Pratt Elijah Alden

John Raymond Eli Williams

Reuel Estor Wm. Paul

James Harlow Elijah Hackett

James Cole Alden Booth

Wm. Baker David Alden Jr.

Elkenah Williams Edmund Thompson

Joshua Haskins John Caron

Lebulon W. Pratt James Sparrow

Wm. Gesty Ira Smith

Dexter Phillips Jacob Thomas

Stephen C. Reider Carl Sproat

Thomas Spooner Daniel Lucas

Adisha T. Clark Geo. M. Seach

Wm. C. Swift Job Parris

Richard Carter Thomas Conington Jr.

Wm. C. Lewis Thomas Bump

Silas Trinkham

Adjournment March Meeting Continued 1848

Barren Hills Road Voted that Stillman Benson, Richard
Tompson & Thomas Daggett be a
committee to view the Barren Hills
Road and make a report thereon

Voted to pass over the 4 Article

Voted to pass to the 10 Article

Prudential School Voted that the Prudential School
Committee be authorized to contract
with their Teachers the ensuing year

Prudential School Voted to excuse Josephus Peckham
from serving as Prudential School
Committee & chose Zachus Peckham in his stead

Prudential School Voted to raise the same sum of money
for Schools as last year, which was
four thousand dollars.

Voted to divide the School Money
appropriated for the present year on the
scholars between the ages of four and sixteen

Voted that the School Committee be
authorized to visit districts where they
wish to be and appropriate the money
received from the State on such districts
as they may think proper.

Roads Voted to raise the same sum of money
for Highways as last year which was
twenty five hundred dollars.

Voted to repair the Highways in town
as the last year

Voted to instruct the Surveyors of
Highways to pay the same amount
for labour as heretofore

Voted that the Surveyors of the Highways
be instructed to return the names of all
such persons as refuse to pay or work on
their highway tax to the assessors and
that the assessors add to the tax of the
persons refusing to pay their highway tax

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to their Surveyor. The amount due on
their tax, and that the Selectmen
appropriate to be expended in those
districts where there are highway taxes
unpaid to the surveyors such amount
as there remains not paid on their
bills on or before the 1st of October

Voted to choose a committee to
consider the expediency of destituting
the town anew and to report at
some future meeting. chose for
said committee

Garrin Rounsaville

Branch Harlow

Everett Robinson

Harrison Staples

Silvanus Kimbly

Voted to instruct the assessors to
collect the arrearages of the highway
taxes forthwith

Voted that Benjamin Thompson
have the care of the Town House
also was chosen Town Receiver.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the
24th of April at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest Everett Robinson

Clerk Pro tempore

Adjournment of March Meeting April 24
1848. Wm H Wood Esq Moderator

Whereas doubts have arisen as to the legality
of the town meeting holden by adjournment
on the third day of April 1848 by reason
that the Clerk present was not sworn therefore

Voted unanimously that the town reconsider
all votes passed at said meeting.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest J D Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 3^d 1848

The inhabitants of the town of Middlebury being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday April 3^d 1848 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury in the County of Plymouth greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of April next at half past twelve o'clock P.M. to act on the following article viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will allow Lydon Southworth fifty dollars for extra labor on the Barden Mills no collect and act there as they shall see cause.

And you are hereby directed to serve the warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due season as the law requires.

Hereby fail not and make return of the same with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands the twenty fourth day of March Eighteen hundred and forty eight.

Wm. L. Sampson }
 William Eaton } Selectmen
 Charles F. Allen }
 Otis Gould }
 Job Linn } of Middlebury

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Plymouth Co. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable

1st Voted & chose Wm. H. Wood Esq. Moderator
 Town Clerk being absent voted & chose
 Everett Robinson Town Clerk Return

2^d Voted to pass over this article.
 Voted to take up the March Meeting
 Attest Everett Robinson
 Clerk Return

Town Meeting April 24 1848

The inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday April 24th 1848 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth P. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Townhouse in said Town on Monday the twentyfourth day of April instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town Officers that are not chosen
- 3^d To choose a board of Auditors of the Town so cause to allow claims against the town and to order the payment thereof
- 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges for the ensuing year and act anything thereon
- 5th To raise such sums of money as the town may think necessary to defray all the expenses the present year and appropriate the same as they shall think needful and proper to direct when to be assessed how paid and collected and do any thing in relation thereto as the Town may see cause
- 6th To allow demands against the Town and order the payment as they shall see cause
- 7th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the Town with an estimate of what will be necessary to be raised by tax to meet all Appropriations the present year and act thereon.
- 8th To see if the Town will vote to pay to their Collector and Treasurer for his services the last year.

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- 9th To choose some one to have the care of the Town House and also a Pound Keeper for the present year.
 - 10th To see if the Town will authorize their prudential school committee to contract with teachers for their districts and act thereon
 - 11th To hear reports from any Agents, Committees or Town Officers and act anything thereon
 - 12th To see if the Town will choose a committee to make a contract with some person to have the charge and superintendence of the affairs at the Almshouse for the next year ensuing.
 - 13th To see if the Town will do any thing relative to building a new Town House or repairing their old one and act anything thereon as the Town shall see cause
 - 14th To see if the Town will set off Lobbens Churchill with his polls and estates from school district No 24 and annex him to school district No 25 and act anything thereon
 - 15th To see if the Town will make any alteration in the limits of their school districts and act thereon
 - 16th To see if the Town will cover Aldens Bridge over the Taunton River with stone and act thereon
 - 17th To see if the Town will distribute Harnings to poor people in this town and act thereon
 - 18th To see if the Town will authorize their selectmen to contract for armories for the Volunteer Companies in this town for ten years and act thereon or build suitable buildings for said Armories
 - 19th To see what the Town will do in relation to building the several roads which have been laid out by the County Commissioners that the town has not acted upon and act thereon
 - 20th To see what the Town will do in relation to dogs going at large and act thereon
- And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several meeting Houses in said Town in due

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season as the Law requires
 Hereof fail not and make return of this
 warrant with your doings thereon to the Town
 clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid
 Given under our hands this tenth day of April
 in the year Eighteen Hundred and forty eight

Scholar J. Sturrod
 Otis Siple
 Nathl Sampson
 Williams Eaton
 Job Pierce

Selectmen
 of
 Middleborough

Plymouth Co. by virtue of the within warrant
 have notified the inhabitants of the Town of
 Middleborough by posting up attested copies
 of the within warrant at the several Meeting
 Houses in said Town as within directed

Milton Alden Constable of Middleborough

At 1 Voted by ballot and made choice
 of Stillman Benson Moderator

2 Voted to choose five for School committee
 Chose for S. Committee by ballot

School
 Comm^{tee}

Stillman Benson
 Bradford Harlow
 Eliab Ward
 Reuben Hafford
 Edward G. Perkins

Voted to excuse the following persons from

Serving as Surveyors of Highways

Samuel Philander Perkins Isaac Lane Freeman

J. Meglathlin O. Littlejohn John W. Cane

Eringer Clark Eliab Wood & Geo. Thompson

and Chose in their stead Jacob T. Borden

Surveyors Sidney Tucker, Saramus Wrightington

Joshua T. Cornish James Staples, Ezra

McCully, Josiah Tinkham and

Thomas J. Wood

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Voted to choose one additional Surveyor of
 Highways & Lebur Briggs was chosen.

Voted to excuse Ezra McCully from serving
 as Surveyor of Highways & Chose

Joshua McCully in his stead

Voted to excuse Sylvanus Parris from
 serving as Surveyor of Highways & Chose

Lewis Chase in his stead

Voted to excuse Thomas Darling from
 serving as Surveyor of Highways & Chose

Bradford Harlow in his stead

Constables

Joseph Clark Milton Alden Geo. W. Pierce

Asa T. Winslow James Harlow Jason

Wilbur, Parmenas G. Sampson,

Samuel W. Rider James G. Reibels

Thomas Spooner & Daniel Lucas.

Surveyors of Lumber

Sidney Eaton Anna Weston

Carle Lear Geo. Cox

Samuel W. Rider William Eaton

Lewis Eaton John McWarren

Job P. Nelson James Warren

David L. Curtis

Warning Inspectors

Job P. Nelson Thomas Wilder

Charles Sampson Gerrit Rounselle

Cushman Bangham Sylvanus Hunkley

Elisha Tucker James G. Cushman

Joseph T. Borden John C. Perkins

Leiter Phillips Ezra Chase

Lincoln B. Standish Thomas A. Pratt

Albert Thomas Saramus Standish

Lerry A. Wilbur Richard Carter

James Mahman

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Glouce Wagonman

John C. Perkins Ezra Chase &
Thomas A. Pratt

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

George Bennett	Abram Peirce
Levi F. Tinkham	Elkanah Williams
James W. Warren	Branch Houlton
Leoramus Atwood	Joshua Haskins
Dexter Phillips	James Sparrow
Simoon Baker	Geo. McLeach
Alden Booth	Edmund Thompson
Caleb Alden	Jacob Thomas
Levi Keene	Elijah Hasket
Shabaz Thompson	Lemuel Cole
Win. Gistby	Ephraim Robbins
Joseph Bump	Win. W. Pratt
Alden Eaton	Geo. Thurtelvant
Thomas Darling	Stephen C. Rider
Richard Carter	Jacob Thomas &
William Paul	Sylvanus Hinckley
Cushman Vaughan	George Soule
Carle Alden	Abishai T. Clark
Marcus Baker	Philander Washburn
Marshall C. Briggs	

Auditors

Peter H. Peirce	Stillman Benson
Levinizer Stratbridge	Geo. W. Wood
Lebulon K. Pratt	Jayler Peirce

Joshua Cady
Voted that the Measures of Wood & Bark
be appointed by the Selectmen.

Voted to excuse Ansel Sanith from serving
as Prudential School Committee & chose
Thomas M. LeBaron in his stead.

Voted to excuse Eli Peirce from serving as Surveyor
of Highways and chose Benjamin Thomas
in his stead.

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1848 Voted to pass to the 8 Article
Voted to pay the Treasurer and collector
the sum of one hundred dollars for
his services the last year.

9th Voted that Benjamin Thompson should
have the care of the Town House and
that he should also be Pound Keeper.

10th Voted that the Prudential School Committee
be authorized to contract with Teachers
for their several districts the present year.

Voted to adjourn this meeting 10 minutes.

Voted to take up this meeting again at the
expiration of 10 minutes.

Voted to pass to 5 Article.

11th Voted to appropriate the sum of four
thousand for the support of Schools
the present year.

Voted to distribute the School Money
one fourth on each District (except tax)
and three fourths on the taxable polls
in each District.

Voted to reconsider the above vote so far
as it relates to the exception of two districts
and that 1/4 of the money be divided equally
on each district.

Voted to pass to 11 Article.

12th The committee to settle with the
Treasurer for year 1846 made a report
which was by accepted and is on file.
The School Committee made a report
which was by vote accepted.

Voted that the School Committee
be authorized to get 1000 copies of a
report printed and distribute them
amongst the inhabitants of the town.

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- Art 11 ✓ Selectmen made a report of their doing the last year which was by vote accepted and is on file
 ✓ Ichabod F. Atwood made a report in relation to his own charges as selectman voted to allow his bill as reported to the Town.
- Reports ✓ William Leaton made a report in relation to his own charges as selectman voted to accept his report and allow his bill.
 ✓ Nathl. Sampson made a report in relation to his own charges as selectman voted to accept the report and allow his bill.
- ✓ Overseers of the Poor made a report of the doings at the Almshouse the last year which was by vote accepted and is on file.
- Art 12 Voted that the present Overseers of the Poor be a committee to contract with some suitable person to have charge and superintendence of the Almshouse the next year ensuing.
- Art 13 Voted to pass over 18 Article.
- Art 14 Voted that Tobias Churchhill be set off from School District No 24 with his Polls and Estate and annex him to District No 35 with his Polls and Estate.
- Art 15 Voted to choose a committee to consider the subject of this article in relation to the alteration of the limits of their School District and report at some future meeting. Chose for sd Committee Bramble Harlow Eleazer Richmond 2^d Darins Darling, Gorink, Remondville Stettman, Hermon, Silvanus Thimbleley & Nathan King.

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- Art 16 Voted to choose a committee to view Alders Bridge or called and report at some future meeting the best method of repairing it. Chose for sd committee Gant, Remondville, Richard Sampson & Andrew Lidden.
- Art 17 Voted that the selectmen be authorized to distribute to poor people in Town 200 Herrings each and not to exceed that number.
- Art 18 Voted that the selectmen be authorized to provide armorys for the Military companies in town for the term of ten years if they shall think advisable.
- 19th Voted that the Selectmen examine and report at the next Town Meeting their opinion in relation to building the road from Allen Leonard to Abutook as laid out by the County Commissioners.
- Voted to refer the whole matter in relation to this article to the selectmen for them to report at next Town Meeting.
- Voted to pass over the 20th Article.
- Art 20 Voted to raise the the sum of \$25.00 to be spent in labour and materials for the repairs of Highway & Bridges the present year.
- Voted that the Survoys be authorized to allow 10^{cts} pr hour for Mares labour and also 10^{cts} pr hour for open up to the first of July next after that 15^{cts} pr hour.
- Voted that the Highway taxes be worked out on or before the first day of July next.
- Voted that the surveyors of Highways be authorized to collect their own bills.

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voted that the Assessors be instructed to distribute the highway money when in their opinion it is most needed.
 voted that the Treasurer be instructed to prosecute every surveyor who shall fail to collect the bills committed to his hands for collection or to make his returns to the assessors as prescribed by law, or to pay over to the Treasurer such sums as shall remain in his hands.
 voted that the Selectmen be instructed to prosecute the Treasurer if he does not do his duty in prosecuting the surveyors the present year.
 voted to pass over the 8th article

Article 9th
 Chose for a committee to settle with the Treasurer and report to the Town what estimate of what will be necessary to be raised by tax the present year.
 Jared Pratt Nathan Peirce and Peter H. Peirce.

voted that the assessors examine the old Tax bill that was committed to Allen Shaw for collection and report to town as in their opinion cannot be collected and the balance to be put into the hands of some suitable person to collect.

voted to choose a committee to select with Thomas Sparhawk in relation to the Heringe the squawbata marks now for a committee Sylvanus Hinckley and J. S. Leonard

voted to adjourn to next town meeting at this place at 1 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Middleborough May 8th 1848

The undersigned Selectmen of Middleborough hereby appoint the following persons measures of rods and Sack by

Andrew M. Eaton	Geo Leonard Jr
Bradford Washburn	Emathan W. Wilbur
Cornelius B. Wood	Daniel Alden
Robert C. Clark	Wm C. Eddy
Geo W. Wood	Jairus S. Shaw
Geo Bennett	Lethrop S. Thomas
Leah Fuller	Earl Sears
Andrew Maskins	Isabum Ricth
Elisha Peirce	Joshua Maskins Jr
Amasa Lamb	Charles F. Thatcher

We also appoint Elisha Peirce as scaler of warts and measures in and for said Town.

Charles Fithwood	Selectmen
Williamus Eaton	of
Hath. Sampson	Middleborough
Otis Soule	
Job Peirce	

A true copy of the Selectmen's appointments
 Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

We the undersigned assessors of the Town of Middleborough hereby appoint Emeth Robinson Esq. to complete the collection of taxes committed to Allen Shaw of said Town in the years of 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, & 1845 and show them being town collector and dying before completing his collection Middleborough May 22 1848

Charles Fithwood	Assessors
Otis Soule	of
Hath. Sampson	Middleborough
Williamus Eaton	

Wynouth P August 28 1848 Personally Emeth Robinson and made oath that he will faithfully perform the duties of collector as within appointed upon the oath of said Assessors
 A true copy Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept. 11. 1848

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday September 11 1848 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Shymon & Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the county of Plymouth Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth the aforesaid you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at their Town House in said town on Monday the eleventh day of September next at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit.

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2^d To see if the town will pay Joseph Clark for damage received at the New Works Bridge in 1846
- 3^d By request to see if the town will build an Armory for one of the Military Companies in the town and also to see if the town will procure an Armory for the other military company in said town by a lease for a term of years and to do anything thereon that the town may see cause
- 4th To see if the town will accept of a list of jurors prepared by the selectmen and act on anything thereon they may see cause.
- 5th To hear the reports of the Selectmen or any committee and act thereon.
- 6th To see what the town will do in relation to building the roads laid out by the County Commissioners on petition of George Ward others and Lucien Barrows & others.
- 7th To see what action the town will take in regard to the petitions of Jeremiah Standish

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and others, Amasa Thompson & others, Sylvanus Kimbly & others, Leachman Eddy & others, and John W. Peirce & others to the County Commissioners for the widening straightening and new location of roads.

To see if the town will take any measures to cause the road over Mithook Dam to be discontinued and act thereon. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said town in due season as the law requires. Whereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and forty eight

Schabod T. Wood
Williams Eaton Selectmen
Otis Soule
Nathl. Sampson of
Job Peirce Middleborough

Shymon & Co. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough qualified to vote by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at the several Meeting Houses in said Town

Milton Alden Constable
of Middleborough

- 1st Voted & Chose Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator
- 2^d Voted to refer this article to a committee of three to investigate the whole subject & report at the next town Meeting Chose for a committee Gers. R. Combsville
Otis Soule & Geo. W. Wood,

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Ad 30 Voted to refer this Article in relation to
 Annals Armories to a Committee to investigate the
 whole matter and report at the next town
 Meeting Chose for said Committee Elial Ward
 Sylvanus Hinckley & Gamal Rounsville.

4th Voted to accept the list of furas presented
 by the Selectmen and the same is on file

5th Voted to accept the report made by
 the selectmen in relation to roads &
 the same is on file.

Voted to refer the whole subject in relation
 to the petition of Sylvanus Hinckley & others
 to a committee of four disinterested persons
 to report at the next town meeting upon
 the whole subject as the first Article in
 the report of the Selectmen, Chose for
 said Committee Stillman Benson
 Job I Nelson Daniel Alden, Abner C
 Barrow, & Joshua Eddy.

Voted to refer the 2nd Article in the report
 of the Selectmen on the petition of Debul
 R. Pratt & others to the County Commissioners
 to William Eaton for him to make such
 repairs on the Turnpike Bridge as he thinks
 necessary or cause them to be made.

Voted to refer the 3rd Article in the report
 of the selectmen to a Committee of three for
 said committee to cause the Road located by
 the County Commissioners from Cyrus
 Washburns to Enos Eatons to be built as
 soon as may be Chose for said Committee
 Daniel Alden, William Eaton and
 Enos Eaton.

Gam. Rounsville made a report on the
 covering of Aldens Drdy which was accepted &
 adopted & is on file.

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Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to
 repaired ^{bridge} as directed by report

86 Voted upon the petition of George Ward
 & others to the County Commissioners that it
 be referred to the Selectmen for them to cause
 the road to be built as soon as practicable.

Voted upon the petition of Lucian Barrow &
 others to the County Commissioners that it
 be referred to the Selectmen for them to cause the road
 to be built as soon as practicable.

87 Voted the petitions of Garanus Standish &
 others & Annasa Thompson & others now
 pending before the County Commissioners
 to chose a committee of three persons for
 them to appear before the County Commissioners
 to represent the interests of the Town Chose
 for said Committee Richard Sampson
 George Thompson & Jeremiah Cobb.

Voted on the petitions of Sylvanus Hinckley
 & others Leachariat Eddy & others and John B.
 Paine & others now pending before the
 County Commissioners that they be referred to
 the Selectmen for them to appear before the
 County Commissioners and act for the interest
 of the Town.

88 Voted to refer this article to a committee
 of three persons to report at a subsequent Town
 Meeting on the whole subject and matter of
 said article chose for said committee Gamal Rounsville
 Geo W Wood & Sylvanus Hinckley.

Voted to adjourn to next town meeting at
 this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
 Attest J. C. Shaw Town Clerk

103
Annual April Meeting of April 24th 1848 by adjournment

Annual April Meeting of April 24th 1848 by adjournment Stillman Benson Moderator being absent voted and chose Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator of a Meeting.

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an adjournment Sept 11 1848. No business coming before said Meeting voted to adjourn to the 2nd Monday in October next at 1 O'clock P.M. at this place.

Attest J. D. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual April Meeting of April 24th 1848 by adjournment Stillman Benson Moderator

Voted to excuse J. B. Shaw from serving as Town Clerk at this Meeting & chose James Harlow Clerk who was duly sworn by J. Benson Moderator.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treas. made a report which was by vote accepted and the same is on file.

Tax \$10,500 Then voted to raise the sum of \$10,500 by Tax the present year for the current expenses & voted that the money be apportioned the bill committed the same time as last year. Voted that the same discount be allowed as last year.

Voted to adjourn to next town meeting at this place.

A True Copy from his Minutes

Attest J. D. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual April Meeting of April 28 1848 by adjournment Sept 7 1848 Stillman Benson Moderator

This meeting was taken up pursuant to an adjournment Oct 7 1848. No business coming before a Meeting. Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting at this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest J. D. Shaw Town Clerk

104
Adjournment of Town Meeting Sept 11 1848 by adjournment

Town Meeting Sept 11 1848 by adjournment

Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an adjournment Oct 4 1848

Town Clerk being absent voted and chose James Harlow Clerk pro tem.

Voted to refer back the application of Joseph Clark for damage that he received at the New Works Bridge in 1848 to the committee who have the subject under consideration.

Voted to accept the report of the committee on the Armories & the same is on file.

Voted to adopt ~~that~~ article in the report and to fill the blank in a report with a sum not exceeding \$500 so that the report will read to raise the sum not exceeding five hundred dollars to be appropriated for building said Armory for the Old Colony Guards.

Voted to choose a committee to contract for the building of a Armory and to do all other things necessary for its completion.

Chose for a Committee Lehabed F. Thurston, Eleathan W. Wilbur & Joseph Barker.

Voted and made choice of the same committee to contract with some person or persons for an Armory for a term of years for the Middleboro' Guards the 4 corners Company.

Voted to accept & adopt the report of the committee on the North Bridge and the same is on file.

The committee on the road laid out by the County Commissioners from Levi Thomas to James A. Leonard made a report in favour of building said road which was by vote accepted and adopted.

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Adjournment of Sept Meeting Continued

Voted to choose a committee of three to contract for the building of said road and cause the same to be built.
chose for said committee Thomas Weston Isaac Lane & Fiske Leonard.
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next town Meeting at this place

A True Copy from his Minutes
Attest J B Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Sept 11th 1848 by Adjournment
Chas Ward Esq Moderator

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an adjournment Nov 7th 1848

Voted & chose George Ward Clerk protem

Voted to reconsider all that was done at the last Town meeting under the 3^d article

Amended Voted to instruct the committee then chose to inform the contracting parties that all done under their instruction at the last town meeting has been reconsidered

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Geo Ward Esq protem
A true copy of his minutes
Attest J B Shaw Town Clerk

106
Town Meeting Nov 7 1848 for President & Vice President

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Tuesday November 7 1848 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
In the County of Plymouth - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then & there to bring in their votes to the selectmen for twelve electors of President and Vice President of the United States: to wit Two at large and one for each congressional district into which this Commonwealth is divided All to be voted for on one ballot

And you are further required by the authority aforesaid to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs that at the same place and on the same day they are to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2^d To see what the Town will do in relation to establishing the line between the Towns of Middleborough and Carver
- 3^d To see what the Town will do in relation to taking alewives or herring in the Quitticus Brook so called
- 4th To see if the Town will sell the Powder House and do any thing thereon
- 5th To see what the Town will do in relation to the support of the Wid Deborah Southworth and do thereon

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several Meeting houses in said Town in due season as the law requires. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Twenty sixth day of October in the One thousand Eight hundred and forty eight

Deborah V. Atwood } Selectman
Oliver Soule }
Williams Eaton } Middleborough
Nathl. Simpson }

Plymouth Pl. Middleborough Oct 31 1848

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Town at least seven days before the time of holding this meeting

James Hearlow

Constable for Middleborough

Then proceeded to vote for Electors of Resident Vice President and the whole number of ballots was Eight hundred & Seventy

Democratic Ticket whole number was 399

Electors at Large Charles G. Green had 399 votes
Henry H. Childs " 399 "

District Electors District James Cheever had 399 votes

" 2 Ebenezer H. Stacy " 399 "
" 3 Edwin Lawrence " 399 "
" 4 Timothy Fletcher " 399 "
" 5 J. I. C. Pomeroy " 399 "
" 6 Joseph Smith " 399 "
" 7 Samuel Gates " 399 "
" 8 William Ellis " 399 "
" 9 Foster Cooper " 399 "
" 10 James D. Thompson " 399 "

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Whig Ticket Whole number was 329
Electors at Large

Levi Lincoln had 329 votes
Edmund Dwight " 329 "

District Electors

District No 1 Albert Fearing had 329 votes
2 David Pingle " 329 "
3 Daniel Adams " 329 "
4 Isaac Livermore " 329 "
5 Benjamin F. Thomas " 329 "
6 Myron Lawrence " 329 "
7 Ira Newland " 329 "
8 H. A. S. Dearborn " 329 "
9 Wm Baylies " 329 "
10 Wm W. Easton " 329 "

Free Soil Ticket Whole number was 142
Electors at Large

Samuel Hearn had 142 votes
William Jackson " 142 "

District Electors

District No 1 Joseph Willard had 142 votes
2 John B. Atley " 142 "
3 John G. Whittier " 142 "
4 Sathan Brooks " 142 "
5 Alexander De Witt " 142 "
6 James Fowler " 142 "
7 Thomas Robinson " 142 "
8 Benjamin C. French " 142 "
9 Philo Sreack " 142 "
10 Isaac C. Sater " 142 "

An other Meeting came up under the same warrant.

11 Wm & Chas. Eliot Ward Esq. Moderator

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Town Meeting Dec 7 1848

- Art 2 Otis Soule made a report in relation
to the line between Carver & Middleborough
which was referred to a committee of three
chosen for the committee Stillman
Benson Otis Soule & Schabed Fithrood
- Art 3 Voted to pass over the 3^d Article
- Art 4 Voted that the Powder House be used as an
Armory.
- Powder House Voted that the Selectmen be a committee
to sell the Powder House if they do not
use it for an Armory.
- Pass over the 5th Article
Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Nov 13th 1848

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on
Monday November 13th 1848 pursuant to a
Warrant duly issued & returned of which
the following is a true Copy Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the constables
of the town of Middleborough Greeting,
In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are required hereby to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the
town of Middleborough qualified to vote in
elections to meet at the town house in
said town on Monday the Thirteenth day
of November next being the Second Monday
in said month at ten O'clock in the fore
noon then and there to act on the
following articles to wit.

- 1st To determine the number of Representatives
which the town will send to the General
Court to be held at Boston on the first
Wednesday of January next.
- 2^d To bring in their votes to the Selectmen
for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor
of this Commonwealth and for two
Senators for the Plymouth district for
the ensuing political year, and for
one or more Representatives from the town
of Middleborough to the next General Court
to be held as aforesaid, and for a Repres-
entative to the Thirty-first Congress of
the United States from the ninth
Congressional district of this Commonwealth.
The above officers all to be voted for on
one ballot the poll will be open at half
past Ten O'clock A.M. And you are
directed to serve this warrant by posting
over

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up attested copies thereof at the several Meeting Houses in said town in due season as required by law. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Tuesday sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Shabod F. Atwood }
Otis Soule } Selectmen
William Eaton }
Nathl. Sampson } Middleborough
Phymond J.

Middleborough Oct 30 1848
I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding this Meeting

James Harlow Constable
For Middleborough

Voted to send two Representatives to General Court to be holden at Boston the first Wednesday of January next. The said inhabitants gave in their vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, Representatives to Congress, and Representatives to General Court as follows

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 717
Caleb Cushing had 327 Votes
George A. Briggs " 338
Stephen C. Phillips " 106

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The whole number of ballots for Lieut. Governor was 774
Henry W. Cushman had 333 Votes
John Reed " 333
John Mills " 108

The whole number of ballots for Senators was 771
John Russell had 333 Votes
Jabez P. Thompson " 335
William James " 325
Philander Washburn " 303
William H. Wood " 117
John B. Turner " 110

The whole number of ballots for Representatives to Congress was 789
Foster Cooper had 333 Votes
Orin Fowler " 330
Nathaniel Marton " 106

The whole number of ballots for Representatives to General Court was 771
Jiah Winslow had 330 Votes
Joshua Wood " 324
Eliaser Richmond P. " 327
Cornelius B. Wood " 327
George Ward " 111
Joseph T. Wood " 109
James Harlow " 2
William Benson " 1
Job P. Gibson " 1
Wm E. Ward " 1
Vacancy for Choice 886

Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest J. D. Shaw Town Clerk

Continued

up attested copies thereof at the several Meeting Houses in said town in due season as required by law. Hereof full not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Twenty sixth day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Isabel F. Atwood }
Otis Soule } Selectmen
William Eaton }
Nathl. Sampson } Middleboro
Phymon B. P.

Middleborough Oct 30 1848
I have saved this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding this Meeting

James Harlow Constable
For Middleborough
Voted to send two Representatives to General Court to be holden at Boston the first Wednesday of January next. The said inhabitants gave in their vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, Representatives to Congress, and Representatives to General Court as follows

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 789
Caleb Cushing had 327 votes
George A. Briggs 336
Stephen C. Phillips 106

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The whole number of ballots for Lieut. Governor was 774
Henry W. Cushman had 333 votes
John Reed 333
John Mills 108

The whole number of ballots for Senators was 771
John Russell had 333 votes
Jabez P. Thompson 335
William James 325
Philander Washburn 303
William H. Wood 117
John B. Turner 110

The whole number of ballots for Representatives to Congress was 759
Foster Cooper had 333 votes
Orin Fowler 330
Nathaniel Marton 106

The whole number of ballots for Representatives to General Court was 771
Jurat Winslow had 330 votes
Joshua Wood 324
Eliaser Richmond P. 327
Cornelius B. Wood 327
George Ward 111
Joseph T. Wood 109
James Heston 2
Stillman Benson 1
Jeb P. Gibson 1
Wm E. Ward 1
Recap for Choice 886

Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest J. D. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual April Meeting of April 24 1848 by adjournment
 Annual April Meeting of April 24 1848 by
 adjournment Stillman Benson Moderator
 being absent voted and chose Schabed
 Stewart Moderator of 2^d Meeting
 This Meeting was taken up pursuant
 to an adjournment Nov 13th 1848 & business
 coming before 2^d Meeting voted to
 adjourn to next town Meeting at
 this place

Attest J B Shaw Town Clerk

Annual April Meeting of April 24 1848
 adjournment Stillman Benson Moderator
 being absent voted and chose Schabed Stewart
 Moderator of 2^d Meeting
 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to an
 adjournment January 1st 1849
 James Harton presented a bill against
 the town which was by vote refused to the
 Auditor for their consideration
 Voted to adjourn to next town Meeting
 at this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest J B Shaw Town Clerk

Annual April Meeting of April 24 1848 by adjournment
 Stillman Benson Moderator being absent
 voted and chose Eliot Bird 2^d Moderator
 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
 an adjournment January 22 1849
 Art 20 E Robinson made a motion in relation
 to dogs going at large which was by vote
 not accepted
 Voted to dissolve this Meeting
 Attest J B Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 1st 1849 for Town Congress

The inhabitants of the town of Middleborough
 being duly assembled in town Meeting on
 Monday June 1st 1849 pursuant to a
 warrant duly issued and returned
 of which the following is a true copy viz
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Thos. M. J. Jr. Clerk of the
 Constables of the town of Middleborough
 in said County greeting. In obedience
 to a precept from his Excellency the
 Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid
 you are hereby required to notify and
 warn all the inhabitants of the town
 of Middleborough who are qualified to
 vote in Elections to assemble at the town
 house in said town on Monday the
 first day of January next at ten
 O'clock in the forenoon to give in
 their votes for one Representative that
 is an inhabitant of Congressional
 District number nine to represent them
 in the Congress of the United States
 for the term of two years from the
 fourth day of March 1849.
 And you are further required to notify
 another Meeting at the same place and
 same day at Four O'clock in the afternoon
 for the following purpose viz.
 To choose a Moderator to preside at said
 Meeting
 To see what the town will do in
 relation to dogs going at large and
 act thereon
 And to see if the town will take any measures
 to keep obstructions of snow from the
 highways and act thereon.
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Town Meeting June 1 1849 Continued

The Poll for the choice of Representative to Congress will be opened at Ten O'clock A.M. and will be closed at Two O'clock P.M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said town in due season as the law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of December in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and Forty Eight

Isabod F. Atwood	Selectmen of Middleborough
Otis Soule	
Job Leice	
Cratt. Thompson	
Williams Eaton	

The following are the names of the persons who received as many as fifty votes at the meeting on the Thirtieth day of November last and each had the number of votes placed against his name

Orin Fowler	5170
Nathaniel Morton	3497
Foster Hooper	2413

Phonoth J. J. January 1st 1849

I have served the within warrant by posting up copies of the same at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this Meeting

J. J. Barlow Constable
of Middleborough

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Continued June 1st 1849

The said inhabitants gave in their votes to the Selectmen for Representative to Congress and the whole number was 512

Orin Fowler	had	252	votes
Foster Hooper	"	180	"
Nathaniel Morton	"	70	"

Another meeting came up under the same warrant voted and made choice of Isabod F. Atwood Moderator
Yam. W. W. presented a new by laws in relation to dogs going at large in the town. Which were by vote amended and adopted and are as follows

By Law concerning the Licensing regulating and restraining dogs going at large in the town of Middleborough

That every person who shall keep or own any dog shall procure a license annually from the Treasurer of the Town by paying him the sum of One Dollar and the said Treasurer shall keep a record of the same together with the owners name and number of the license

And every person who shall keep or own any dog shall cause to be constantly kept about the neck of such dog a collar with the name and place of residence of such owner or keeper and the word Licensed together with the number of the license legibly marked on the same and any person may kill any dog going without a collar as aforesaid.

That all money received for licenses for dogs shall be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the town who shall receive 10 cents as his fee for each license.

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Town Meeting Jan 1st 1849 Continued
 At 4th that the above by laws take effect from and
 after January 1st 1849 See Revised Stat Chap 58
 Voted that these by laws be published
 in the Plymouth Record and Old Colony
 Memorial and to be signed by the
 Moderator and Clerk of said Meeting

Also Voted that the surveyors be authorized
 to keep the Highways clear of snow
 in several districts
 Voted that the surveyors be authorized
 to pay the sum not exceeding 10 cents
 per hour for shoveling snow
 Voted to Resolve this Meeting
 Attest J B Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Jan 22nd 1849 to Reconsider the Log Law
 The inhabitants being duly assembled in town
 Meeting in the town of Middleborough on Monday
 Jan 22 1849 pursuant to a ~~summons~~ duly
 issued and returned of which the
 following is a true copy Viz:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Plymouth Co
 To wit the inhabitants in the
 Town of Middleborough in the County of
 Plymouth Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts you are hereby required to
 summon the inhabitants of said town
 of Middleborough qualified to vote in town
 affairs to assemble at the town house in said
 Middleborough on Monday the twenty second
 day of January in the year of our Lord 1849
 at twelve o'clock at noon to act on the
 following business Viz

To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
 To see if said Town of Middleborough will
 reconsider a vote which they passed at a town
 Meeting held at said town house on said
 Middleborough on the first day of January
 A.D. 1849 concerning the licensing regulating
 and restraining stage going at large in
 the town of Middleborough and act on any
 thing thereon which said Town may
 see cause thereof to put into and make
 execution of this warrant and of your
 doings therein Given under my hand
 and seal at Middleborough in said
 County of Plymouth this tenth day
 of January in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred & forty

Attest Jonathan Cobb Justice of the
 Peace for the County of Plymouth

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Dog Meeting Continued

I have notified and summoned the legal voters of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices in the several meeting houses in said town according to the within directions January 11th 1849

Samuel W. Rider Constable
of Middleborough

Attested and there Eliot Ward Esq. Moderator

2^d Voted to reconsider all that was done at the last town meeting holden Jan 1 1849 in relation to Licensing regulating & restraining dogs going at large in the town of Middleborough
Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest J. B. Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Town meeting March 5th 1849
The inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday March 5th 1849 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss.

We the Selectmen of the town of Middleborough in & for the said town do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the proceedings at the annual town meeting held on Monday the 5th day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to wit the following articles to wit

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
2^d To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
3^d To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

4th To choose a board of auditors if the town shall see cause to alter claims against the town and order the payment thereof
5th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the town an estimate of what sum of money will be necessary to be raised by tax to meet all appropriations the present year and next thereon

6th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the town an estimate of what sum of money will be necessary to be raised by tax to meet all appropriations the present year and next thereon

7th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year & set them out

8th To raise such sum of money as the town may think necessary to defray the all the expenses the present year & appropriate the same as they shall think prudent & proper to be paid when to be paid and how paid & collected and not any thing thereon that the town may see cause

9th To allow claims against the town & order the payment as they shall see cause

10th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the town an estimate of what sum of money will be necessary to be raised by tax to meet all appropriations the present year and next thereon

11th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the town an estimate of what sum of money will be necessary to be raised by tax to meet all appropriations the present year and next thereon

Annual March Meeting Continued 1849

- 2nd To see if the Town will vote to pay to their Collector & Treasurer for his services the last year
- 11th To choose some one to have the care of the Town House for the present ensuing year.
- 11th To see if the Town will authorize their Prudential School Committee to contract with their Teachers for their salaries and set them on
- 12th To hear reports from any agent, committee or other Town officer and act on anything thereon
- 13th To dispose of the Town's privileges of taking ferries at the several fishing places in said Town as the law provides the present year and set them on
- 14th To see if the Town will choose a committee to make a contract with some person to have care of the affairs at the Greenhouse for the ensuing year
- 15th By request To take the sense of the Town in relation to the contract which the Town Committee made with David & Abraham Thomas to build an armory according to the Town's motion whether the Town will stand by that contract & if not
- 16th To take the sense of the Town as to the damages or otherwise which may be done or has occurred to said Thomas for recording the contract & act on all as the Town shall see cause
- 17th To see if the Town will build a stone bridge over the Newmarket River near the residence of Mr. Asaph Washburn & set them on

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form as the law requires Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the next meeting aforesaid Given under our hands at Middleboro' this twelfth day of January in the year Eight hundred & forty nine

Deborah T. Atwood
Otis Soule
Nathaniel Sampson
Job Pierce

Selectmen of Middleboro'

Annual March Meeting continued 1849
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified & warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections & Town affairs to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Daniel Lucy Constable of Middleboro'
Middleboro' Feb 26th 1849

Voted by ballot and made choice of
Nathan Wing Esq^r for Moderator
Then the following towns were elected by ballot to the several offices designated viz
Everett Robinson Town Clerk
Everett Robinson Treasurer
School & Atwood
Nathaniel Sampson
Otis Soule
Williams Eaton
Abiel P. Booth

Selectmen

Job P. Nelson
Eliaser Richmond &
Lebadee Leonard
Harrison Staples
George M. Leach
Wilson Rider
Benj^r A. McVingie
William R. Reed

Warden of the Poor

School Committee

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Annual March Meeting Continued 1849
 The following Town officers were chosen
 by nomination viz

Desdale Leonard Richard Sampson Andrew M. Eaton Isaac Lane Horatio W. Thomas Ebenezer Strobridge Nathaniel W. Kilham	}	Auditors
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Voted that the Treasurer be Collector

Prudential Committee for Sept. Surv.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| No. 1 Isaac Soule Jr. | 19 Martin Thompson |
| " 2 H. C. Briggs | 20 Jared Pratt Jr. |
| " 3 David L. Curtis | 21 Albert G. Pratt |
| " 4 James L. Wilder | 22 George Osborn |
| " 5 Woodward Tucker | 23 Daniel Alden |
| " 6 Ruel Thompson Jr. | 24 Moses L. Kell |
| " 7 Nathaniel Sampson Jr. | 25 Harris Rogers |
| " 8 Dora Weston | 26 Josephus Perkins |
| " 9 Cephus Shaw | 27 Sumner Hinde |
| " 10 Thos. J. Brown | 28 William C. Pratt |
| " 11 William Alwood | 29 Carl Ashby |
| " 12 Arvin A. Pratt | 30 George Hoard |
| " 13 Antonimus J. Smith | 31 Silas Perkins |
| " 14 Robert M. Thomas | 32 Nathl. C. Perkins |
| " 15 Abraham Bryant | 33 John C. Weston |
| " 16 Abraham M. Cookman | 34 Eben Jones |
| " 17 Samuel W. Clark | 35 Eben Ellis |
| " 18 Joseph T. Wood | 36 Albert Thomas |
| | 37 Allen Raymond |
| | 38 Wm. W. Alwood |
| | 39 Lucien Barnes |

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March Meeting Continued 1849
 Surveyors of Highways

Chandler W. Carter Josiah Perkins Samuel W. Rider Eleazer Thomas Ruel Thompson Jr. Isaac Pratt Simon Washburn Silas Eaton Willard Clark Wm. H. Richardson Lachariah Eddy Wm. S. Eddy Harris Rogers Othier Allen Ansel Benson John W. Canaday Edward Richmond Isaac S. Bartlett Chap. C. Shaw Lewis Soule James Caythale Horatio W. Thomas Chandler W. Smith Eleazer Carmell Peter Perkins Edmund T. Pope Rufus Thompson John W. Thompson	Martin Thompson Simon Smer Pelctiah Briggs Horatio W. Wilbur Nathaniel Thompson William Baker Abial P. Booth Ransom T. Wood Wm. Alwood Jr. Abiel Litch Hallow Joseph Shaw Thomas Hoar Thomas Suggs Lucius Alden George Williams Albert G. Pratt George Cox Samuel Cookman Samuel Mayhew Wm. C. Harris Solomon Alwood Leming Bryant William G. Ship Thomas Darling Simon Shaw Joseph A. Perkins Rufus Litch Joseph Alwood Jr. Jacobus L. Clark
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Constables

Joseph Clark	Melior Alden
George W. Jones	John Booth
George Hartwell	Samuel W. Rider
Othier W. Canaday Jr.	John Thompson
James P. Perkins	Samuel G. Hinde

April Meeting held April 22 1849

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hyannis

Whereas the Constable of the Town of
Middletown in the County of Plymouth
in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are
hereby directed to notify & warn the inhabitants of said
Town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the
Town house in said Town on Monday the second
day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon
to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To elect a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2nd To see what the Town will do in regard
to building the road aforesaid by the County
Commissioner on the petition of Elias Eaton &
others John B. Trine & others Sylvanus Snodgrass
& others Zachariah Colden & others & George Stee
& others and act thereon
- 3rd To see if the Town will order that all dogs
owned or kept in this Town shall be securely
muzzled when permitted to go at large or adopt
any other measures calculated to guard the
Public against Hydrophobia & act thereon
- 4th To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer
to refund all moneys received in January last
for salaries for dogs kept at large & act thereon
- 5th To see if the Town will authorize their
Treasurer to purchase on loan safe for the
use of the Town
- 6th To see if the Town will raise one or more
heavy teams to be used to repair roads with
and act thereon
- 7th To see what the Town will do in relation to
providing an armory for the old Colony Guards &
Militia Corps
- 8th To see if the Town will reconsider their
vote passed on the 8th inst. adopting the report
of their Committee on the revision of their
School Districts & act thereon

April Meeting Continued 22 1849

To see if the Town will set off Elisha H. Loomis with his widow & estate
from School District No 3 and annex him to No 4

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form according to
law and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at
the time & place of said meeting. Given under our hands this twelfth
day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty nine

Deborah F. Alwood Clerk of the Town of Middletown
William Eaton Esquire Clerk of the Town of Middletown
Hyannis p March 22nd 1849 The notice of this within warrant is duly
served on the inhabitants of the Town of Middletown who are
qualified to vote in town affairs as within directed by posting
up attested copies of the General Meeting books

Milton Allen Constable of Middletown

Chosen by nomination Eliab Ward Esq for Moderator
Voted to refer the 2nd art to the Selectmen for them to build
or cause the road to be built

Voted to pass on the 3rd art

Voted that the Town be authorized & directed to refund to the owner
persons who paid a license for their dogs in January last the sum

paid for such license when such person gives up their license

Voted to allow the old Colony guards the same sum annually
to provide themselves an armory as is allowed or paid for

the other Militia Company at the Messines

Voted that the reconsider the vote passed on the 8th of
March last adopting the report of the Committee for
the revision of School Districts

Voted that meeting be dissolved

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting Continued 1849

Former visitors & Guild members

George Brown	Henry Brown
Live T. Tinkhams	Abraham Pierce
Garrel Mansfield	Wm. Rowden
Lothian Atwood	Branch Haslow
Sister Philips	George Barney
Simon Baker	Jonathan Soule
Alton Booth	Washam Bryant
Calist Elders	John LeBaron
Leith Kears	James Leary
James Haslow	Samuel Cole
James Sherman	Philander Hasbarn
Marston Thompson	Josiah Hibbard
Melzer Boston	George L. Leonard
Thomas Darling	Ellis Gibbs
Carl Sprout	Wm. R. Wells
John Booth	William Dyer
Leith Miller	Joseph Parker
Carl Elders	Samuel Shaw
Marcus Baker	Ezra Chase
Kerckhoff G. Briggs	

Committee to settle with the Treasurer
and to transfer the books to the new year
The day following to the 8th inst. in the morning
passed with

William King

Peter H. Kins

Resolved that Albert Thomas be an
agent for taking and selling herring
the present year

Resolved to proceed in the choice of
Herring agents and to have

John C. Perkins

Joseph S. Bartlett

Leith S. Thomas

Annual March Meeting continued 1849

Surveys of Surber

Lidney Eaton East Texas Lewis Eaton
Matthew Cushing, Jason Melbar, David S. Curtis
Sara Weston George Col. Williams Eaton
John M. Warren Job S. Wilson Florida Clark
Voted to take up the 15th inst. in the morning
Voted that the 16th inst. be referred to a committee
to report next town meeting and choose
for that committee

Carl Hunt

George W. Wood

Leith S. Thomas

Voted to take up the 15th inst.

Voted that the herring be disposed of the same
as the last year

Voted that a committee be chosen to distribute
herring to poor persons

Voted the selectmen be that committee

Voted to take up the 11 inst. in the morning
Voted to authorize their presidential school
committee to contract with teachers for their
district the ensuing year

Voted that when this meeting is adjourned
that it be adjourned to the first Monday of
April next at one of the clock in the morning

Voted to pass to the 12 inst.

James Blanchard herring agent made a
report which was accepted and put on
file

Voted that the report of the committee
for leasing school districts be accepted
and adopted and placed on file

Voted to take up the 7 inst.

Voted to return the bill presented by James

Haslow Bryant the same to him

Voted Job S. Wilson presented his account
be referred to the board of auditors

Annual March Meeting Jan 1847
Voted That Albert Thomas hearing agent
is hereby instructed to prosecute the owner
of the Squamletty town works, & collect if they
do not have a sufficient passage made for
the bridge to pass through their dam in
his chimney and he is also instructed
in the same manner in regard to any other
owner the town asked him -

Voted to instruct our hearing agent to report
at the next town meeting what is
necessary in order that that hearings can
pass Squamletty dam & other dams between
them & Squamletty bridge -

Voted to take up the 3rd art
Voted to pay our town Treasurer for his
services the past year the sum of fifty
dollars

Voted this meeting be adjourned

Coltett Everett Robinson Town Clerk

Adjournment of the Annual March Meeting
of the 5 of March held April 2 1849

Voted to take up the 3rd art

Voted that the hearing agent be instructed first
to answer the demands of the committee
appointed to distribute hearings to the poor -

Voted that the said committee be instructed
to deliver to such poor persons one hundred
and fifty in stead of giving orders for the
same as heretofore -

Voted to take up the 2nd art and under that
article chose the following officers by nomination
Hearing Inspectors

Cashman Vaughan Charles Sampson
Joseph L. Barlow Rubin Simmons
Ester Philis Ego Chase Saml. Rownsville
Leon Wilbur Harrison Vaughan & Albert Thomas

Annual March Meeting by adjournment continued Apr 2 1849

The following persons were named from serving as trustees
George Harknell Na. Bryant Tabas Beattie and
Chase in their place James Barlow James
L. Sparrow

The following persons were named from serving as
surveyors of Highway, viz. Rubin Simmons
Daniel Vaughan Dennis Spoon & Chase in their
place Isaac Lane Alden C. Birtu & Thomas
Wishburn and also that James Savory

be named from serving as field clerks & fence viewers -
Voted that Benjamin Thompson have charge of the
town house this coming year and also be found
keeper

Voted to take up the 14 article and under that art

Voted that the overseers of the poor be the committee
to make a contract with some person to have charge
of the almshouse

Voted to take up the 6 art and under that art
Voted to raise the sum of four thousand dollars
for the support of schools the coming year -

Voted that the money raised for the support of schools
be divided the same as last year - Sept. 1848
there was \$1000.00 & \$1000.00 which
is \$2000.00 which are to have only taken one half
as much as each other district -

Voted to take up the 8 art and under that art

Voted to raise the sum of twenty five hundred dollars

to be spent in labor & material for the repair of the
Highways & Bridges the coming year -

Voted the same be allowed for labor & material
as the last year -

Voted to take up the 10 art

Voted to elect & accept the report of the committee
on the James O'Connell & Abraham Thompson against the
town & on Thomas & also on the Treasurer
to pay said Thomas the sum awarded by the
committee

Annual March Meeting by adjournment postponed
voted to elect the report of the Treasurer of the Town
and place the same on file

voted that Mr James Haslam will visit the town
be referred to a committee of three and allow
for that committee George W. Wood

Ethanail Macomber
Samuel Robinson

voted said committee have full power to settle
with said Haslam

voted that the say Joseph Clark for damages
sustained by him at the Crin-work the
sum of ^{five} ~~one hundred & twenty~~ dollars

voted that the Treasurer be allowed to pay Joseph
Clark the said sum of \$125-

voted this meeting be adjourned to next town
meeting at this at one of the clock P.M.

Attest E Robinson Town Clerk

Middleborough April 30th 1849

We the Subscribers Selectmen do appoint the
following named persons surveyors of roads & paths
for the ensuing year viz

Andrew M. Eaton

George Leonard jr

Bradford L. Washburn

Ethanail W. Wilbur

Samuel Alden

Robert C. Clark

Lathrop Thomas

Erastus Lewis

James W. Wood

Joseph A. Backus

Israel Smith

Joshua Hastings jr

Levi Tuttle

Charles F. Thatcher

Andrew Hastings

Chandler R. Smith

Eliza Pierce

Thomas J. Pierce

Amasa Smith

Edward H. Watson

We also appoint Eliza Pierce Lecturer of Moral
and Measur in and for said town

Schubert F. Alwood

William Eaton

Oliver Jones

Nathaniel Sampson

Abiel P. Booth

I have copy

Attest

E Robinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Aug 6th 1849

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth SS. To either of the constables of the town
of Middleborough in the county of Plymouth

Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are directed to notify the
inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to
vote in town affairs to meet at the Town
house in said Middleborough on Monday the
sixth day of August next at one o'clock in the
afternoon then and there to act on the following
articles.

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said
meeting

2. To see if the town will establish a Highschool
as relinquished by R. S. ch 23 § 5 and act any
thing thereon

3. To see if the town will sell a part of their
farm that is cut off by the Cape and Branch Rail
Road and act thereon

4. To see if the town will cause the bridge
in the Fall Brook Purchase dam to be covered
with stone

5. To see what action the town will take upon
the subject of the road from the dwelling
house of Thomas Weston to the dwelling house
of Lydian Benson being inclosed

6. To see if the town will make a demand
on the Cape and Branch Rail Road at the
crossing of said road near the dwelling house
of Daniel Benson in said Middleborough
and act any thing in relation thereto the
town may see cause

7. To see what the town will do in
relation to paying Isaac Briggs for damage
sustained by his horses by being broken on
the highway and act thereon

August Meeting 1849 Cont.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in the said fourth days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Now fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there to the Town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this seventeenth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Isaac F. Atwood	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Little Lamson	
William Eaton	
Oliver Lons	
Abiel P. Booth	

Agmond SS Middleborough July 20th 1849
I have served this within Warrant by posting up copies thereof at the several Public Meeting Houses in said Town fourth days at least before the time of holding this Meeting

James Harton } Constable
Dues for same & paid \$3.00 } of
Middleborough

- 1 Chose for Moderator Eliab Ward
- 2 Chose for Clerk Pro tem Sidney Tucker
- 3 Voted to establish a high school as the law directs Revised Statutes Chap 23 § 5
- 4 Voted to choose a committee for the above article made choice of
Richard Lamson
Capt Jonathan Cobb
Harrison Hapley
Oruel Bryant
Lettie Perkins

Aug Meeting 1849 Continued

Voted to take up the 3 article

Voted to choose a committee to take into consideration the 3 article and chose for that committee the owners of the Poor whom to appoint under the 14 article

Voted that the selectmen to cover the bridge with stone

Voted that the selectmen be a committee for that purpose

under the 6 article

Voted that the sum be authorized to put the road in order that was called the Thomas Nelson

under the 6 article

Voted to choose a committee for that purpose & made choice of Jonathan Cobb

under the 7 art

Voted that the Town choose an agent to defend the Town in an action brought by David Briggs

Voted that George W. Wood be an agent to settle with the above Briggs or defend it if suit

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Sidney Tucker Clerk Pro tem

March Meeting called up as by Adjournment Aug 6 1849

under Article 1

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to procure money and pay all teachers of summer school after having received ten days notice

Voted that there be a committee chosen to confer with the Town of Canton in relation to building a stone bridge near the house of Asaph Washburn & Jacob Thomas & made choice of Elijah Hackb & J. F. Atwood

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting held at this place at 2 o'clock with a true copy from his Sidney Tucker Clerk Pro tem minutes attested E. Robinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Oct 1st 1849

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth SS To each of the Constables of
the Town of Middleborough in the County of
Plymouth

By the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of
the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in
town affairs to meet at their town house in said
town on Monday the first day of October next at
one o'clock in the afternoon that they to act on the
following articles:

- 1st To choose a Moderator & Reader in said meeting
- 2^d To see what the town will do in relation to the
several petitions now pending before the County
Commissioners for roads in this town
- 3^d To see what way the town will cause the road
to be built that the County Commissioners have
located in this town and returned since the
town has acted on this subject
- 4th To take the sense of the town in relation to
the trial of libelious and public shows being
licensed and you are directed to serve the
warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at
each of the public meeting houses in the said town
fourteen days at least before the time for holding
said meeting Hereof fail not and make
due return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to the town clerk at the time and
place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this tenth day of September
in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty nine

Isaac H. Wood
Nathaniel Sampson
Williams B. Stone
Otis Saxe
Abel P. Bishop

Selectmen
of
Middleborough

Oct. Meeting Continued

Plymouth SS Middleborough Sept 27th 1849
By virtue of the within warrant I have notified
all the inhabitants of said town qualified to
vote in town affairs to meet at their town house
in said town on the first day of Oct next at
one o'clock P.M. by posting up attested copies
of this warrant at the several meeting houses in
said town at least fourteen days before the time.

Samuel W. Miller Constable
of
Middleborough

- 1st voted and chose Nathan Ring as Moderator
- 2^d voted to choose a committee to meet the
Commissioners and to act for the interest
of the town & chose for that committee

Peter H. Stone
James H. Perkins
Nathan Ring Esq.

- 3^d voted to have on this article
- 4th voted to pass on this article
- voted to adjourn this meeting to the next
town meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Annual March Meeting by adjournment
from Aug 6th

The Committee chosen to settle with the
treasurer made a report which was by votes
accepted and the same is on file
Then voted to raise the sum of \$1000 by
tax the present year for the amount
of interest of said money

That Ebenell Robinson Town Clerk
cert that this meeting be adjourned
to the next town meeting held in this
place at 3 o'clock P.M.

(Nathan E. Robinson Town Clerk)

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #104
TOWN RECORDS 1849-1852, 16:137-202 Holbrook

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Town meeting held Oct 29th 1849

Plymouth ss. To wit: of the Constables of the
Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth
Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify
the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the
Town house in said Middleborough on Monday the
tenth day of October instant at one o'clock
in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following
articles

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2 To see if the Town will repair their Town house and
acknowledge
- 3 To see if the Town will demand of Israel Elm
the money paid by this Town to the L. S. Hospital
for the support of his daughter and ask anything thereon
(By request of the Surgeon) To see if the Town will loan
Vaughan Bridge over the Annabek River and the
bridge over Fall Brook near Janah Harlow, with
stone and ask anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
up copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses
in the said town fourteen days at least before the time
of holding said meeting

Witness said not and make due return of the
warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town clerk
at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this tenth day of October
in the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty nine

Robert F. Atwood
Athaniel Sampson
William Eaton
Jas. Louie
Abner A. Barth

Selection of Middleborough

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Oct Meeting continued

Plymouth ss. October 30th 1849

I have served the within warrant by posting up copies
thereof at the several meeting houses in Town as within
directed fourteen days at least before the time of holding this
meeting James Weston Constable of Middleborough
For service and true \$300.

Chose Eliak Wood Esq. Moderator by nomination
Voted to repair the Town house

Voted to choose a committee of one to repair the Town house
and chose Silas Peckham for that committee

Voted that the select be referred to the selectmen for them
to report the facts in the case at some future meeting

Voted that the select be referred to a committee consisting
of them and chose Thomas Wood selected

Atwood and Athaniel Sampson for that committee

Voted this committee be intrusted to inquire into the
expedient and cost of repairing said bridge

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to inquire
the committee already chosen what repairs to make on
the Town house

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next
meeting held in this place at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

October Meeting by adjournment taken at
said adjournment being from Oct 29th 1849

Voted that the facts in this warrant be referred to the
selectmen for them to manage as they think best

for the interest of the Town

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting by Adj^t
from Oct 15th 1849

✓ Voted to take up the 6th art.
and under that article
Noted that the money be assessed the bill
committed the same time as last year
Voted that the same amount be allowed as
last year for prompt payment of taxes.
Noted to accept the report of the committee
chosen at a town meeting held the 6 day of Aug^r
under the 3rd art of the warrant for said meeting
and the same is on file
Voted to locate the high school in the five
Selectmen's district to be kept alternately 2 months
in each district and that the school committee
select the place and district where the school
is to commence and that the school be
commenced on or before the first Monday of
December next

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town
meeting held in this place at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk
Annual March Meeting by Adj^t
from October 29 1849

Nathan Ring Moderator
Voted that this meeting be adjourned
to the next town meeting at 2 o'clock
in the afternoon

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk
Nov 12th 1849

140
Governors Meeting Nov 12th 1849

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
November 12th 1849 pursuant to a Warrant duly
issued & returned of which the following is a true
copy viz

Plymouth ss. To either of the Selectmen of the
Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth
Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are required to notify and
warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
qualified to vote in elections to meet at the
Town House in said town on Monday the twelfth
day of November next it being the second Monday
of said month at ten of the clock in the forenoon
to act on the following business to wit.

To determine the number of Representatives said town
will choose for the present year

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor
and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and
for one or more Deputies for the District of
Plymouth for the year ensuing and for one or
more Representatives to represent them in the General
Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday
of January next. All the candidates for the above
named offices to be voted for on one Ballot.

And the polls shall be opened at half an hour
past ten of the clock in the forenoon and closed
at three of the clock in the afternoon

And you are further required to notify all the
inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs
to meet at the same place on the same day at three of
the clock in the afternoon to act on the following
business to wit.

To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
To see if the town will appropriate the laying out of
a School house lot in school district No 6 by the select
men

Governors Meeting Nov 12 1849 Continued
 And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
 up copies thereof at the several each of the public
 meetinghouses in said town in due time as the law requires
 thereof fail not and make returns of this warrant
 with your doings thereon to said court at the time and
 place of meeting aforesaid
 Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in the
 year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Isaac H. P. Alvord }
 Oliver Soule } Selection of
 Nathl. Sampson } Middleborough
 William Eaton }
 A. P. Booth }

Hymnouth 10 November 9 1849
 By virtue of the within precept I have notified and
 warned all the inhabitants of Middleborough qualified
 to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the time
 and place within appointed by posting up notices at
 the several meeting houses in said town in due season
 as the law requires James Hartson Constable of
 Fees for service \$300 Middleborough
 voted to send two Representatives to General
 Court the present year

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for
 Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and
 Representatives to General Court viz

The whole number of Ballots for Governor was 722

George S. Bondwell had 340
 George W. Briggs " 303
 Stephen C. Phelps " 79

The whole number of Ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 722

Henry W. Ackman had 340
 John Reed " 303
 John Mills " 79

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The whole number of Ballots for Senator was 716

William H. Wood had 411
 Edward Cagman " 413
 Philander Washburn 288
 William Davis 277
 Eliab Ward 1

The whole number of Ballots for Representatives to
 General Court was 747

Joshua Wood had 383
 Ebenezer Robinson " 373
 Eleazer Richmond & 257
 El Nathan Willard 297
 Jirah Winston 23
 E. J. Soule 18
 Samuel Cole 1
 Andrew M. Eaton 1
 Ephraim Ward 3
 Silas Churchill 1
 Ephraim Ward jr 2
 Brad Bryant 2
 Horatio A. Thomas 2
 Joseph T. Wood 1
 Lathrop S. Thomas 1

necessary for a choir 366

also another meeting coming up under the same
 warrant

Noted and chose Isaac H. P. Alvord Moderator
 voted to appropriate the laying out of a school
 house lot in school district No. 6 by the selectmen
 voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk
 Town Meeting Oct 27 1849 by adjournment

Eliab Ward Moderator
 voted to adjourn this meeting to the next
 town meeting held in this place at 10 o'clock
 P. M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

James Harlow appointed Collector
Whereas Allen Shaw Treasurer and collector
of the Town of Middleborough in the years
1845 & 1846 had let his commitment to him for
collection by the assessors of said town on the in-
debt and Estate of School District No 11 of said
town and died before completing the collection
thereon we the subscribers assessors of said town
do appoint James Harlow of said town to complete
the collection of said school district tax bills dated
Jan 13th 1845 and Feb 17th 1846

Given under our hands at Middleborough this
3rd day of Dec 1849

J. T. Wood }
Abel Sampson } Assessors of
William Eaton } Middleborough
Chas. Lunt }
C. P. Booth }
E. Robinson Town Clerk

Feb 5th 1850

Town Meeting Oct 29 by adjournment
Chas. Ward Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting till the
next Town Meeting held in this place
at 10 o'clock P.M. Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment
Jas. Kim Moderator
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next
town meeting held at this place
at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 144
Plymouth SS. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of said
you are hereby required to notify and warn all the
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at their
Town house on Tuesday the fifth day of January next
at Eleven O'clock A.M. to act on the following
business to wit

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
& vote if the town will instruct their Selectmen
to petition the Legislature now in session for a
repeal of the law now in force compelling said town
to maintain a high school according to
Chapter 23rd Sec 5th of the revised Statutes so far as
respect the Town of Middleborough and to do any
thing therein that they may see cause and you are
directed to serve this warrant according to law
Hereof fail not and make your return of this warrant with
your doings therein in due form and season

Given under our hands at Middleborough this 26th day
of January A.D. 1850

Schofield & Oliver } Selectmen
Chas. Lunt } of
William Eaton } Middleborough

Plymouth SS. Middleborough January 26th 1850

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified
and warned all the inhabitants of said town
qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at
the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned by posting up notices at the several public
meeting houses in said town

Given James Harlow Constable of
Middleborough

Voted by ballot and chosen Chas. Ward Moderator
Voted to instruct the Selectmen to petition
the Legislature to exempt this town from maintaining
a high school according to the 5th Sec of the 23rd
Chapter of the revised Statutes

2nd Meeting Cont 5th 1850
Voted to instruct the members in the
Legislature from this town to do all they
consider necessary to aid the petition of the
electors and employ counsel if think it
necessary.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved
Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk.

Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of
the town of Middleborough. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are directed to notify the
inhabitants of the town of Middleborough
Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the
Town House in said Middleborough on Tuesday
the fifth day of February next at ten o'clock
in the forenoon then and there to act on the following
article

To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
To consider the expediency of dividing the town and
act thereon agreeable to the petition of Silas Perkins
and others And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of
the public meeting houses in the said town as the
law directs Hereof fail not and make due return of
this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk
at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this twenty third day of January
in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Attest Samuel
Attest A. Barth
William Eaton } Selectmen
of
Middleborough

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Town Meeting held Feb 5th 1850 Continued
Plymouth ss Middleborough January 26th 1850
By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified
and warned all the inhabitants of said
town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at
the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned James Harlow Constable of
said for service of said Warrant.

Voted by ballot and John Eliot Ward Moderator
Voted to pass over the second article in this
warrant.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.
E. Robinson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting held on
the fourth day of March 1850

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth SS.

We the undersigned of the Constables of the Town
of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth
do hereby certify that the following

- 1st In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
you are hereby directed to notify and cause the
inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in
elections and town affairs to meet at the Town
House in said Town on Monday the fourth
day of March next at ten o'clock in the
forenoon to act on the following articles to wit
- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 3rd To choose a board of auditors, if the Town shall
see cause, to allow claims against the Town
and order the payment thereof
- 4th To bring in their votes for a town of Assessors
- 5th To determine the manner of repairing the
Highways, Town ways and Bridges the ensuing
year and act any thing thereon
- 6th To raise such sums of money as the Town may
think necessary to defray all the expenses the
present year, and appropriate the same as they
shall think meetful and proper to direct when
to be assessed how paid and collected and act
any thing thereon they may see cause.
- 7th To allow demands against the Town and
order the payment as they shall see cause
and act thereon
- 8th To choose a committee to settle with the
Treasurer and report to the Town an
estimate of what sums of money will be
necessary to be raised by tax to meet all
appropriations of the present year and act thereon

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- 9th To see if the Town will pay their collector and
treasurer for his services the last year and act thereon.
- 10th To choose some one to have the charge of the Town
House the ensuing year.
- 11th To see if the Town will authorize their president
School Committee to contract with teachers for
their respective districts and act thereon.
- 12th To hear reports from any agent, committee or
other Town officers and act any thing thereon.
- 13th To dispose of the Towns business of taking bearings
at the several polling places in said Town this present
year as the law provides and act any thing in relation to
the subject of bearing the Town may see cause.
- 14th To see if the Town will choose a committee to make a
contract with some person to have charge of the affairs
at the school house for the ensuing year.
- 15th To see what the Town will do in relation to building
the roads as laid out by the County Commissioners
on the petitions of Isaac Pratt & others and George
Perkins & others in the year 1849 and act thereon.
- 16th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer or
some other person to vote in all the stock meetings
holders Meetings of Railroad companies when the
Town owns stock and act any thing in relation thereto.
- 17th To see what measures if any the Town will adopt in
reference to the expenses which have already accrued
and may hereafter accrue for the support and
maintenance of Deborah Southworth the mother of
Deborah Thomas and further to see if the Town
will authorize or direct the care of this poor
or any other person to prosecute the said Deborah
her son or any other of her kindred to compel him
or them to support or contribute towards the support
and maintenance of her the said Deborah
Southworth and act any thing thereon.

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18th (On petitions of Albert Thomas & 35 others and Joseph W. Wood and 59 others) to see if the town will unite school district No. 18 and 37 into one school district and set any thing thereon. And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form as the law requires. If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there to the town clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands at Middleborough this Eleventh day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Isaac H. Sampson

Isaac H. Sampson

Clatiff Sampson

Williams Eaton

His Honor

A. P. Booth

Plymouth D. February 18th 1850

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs and elections to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting notices thereof at the several public meeting houses in said town.

James Harton

Constable of Middleborough

Just Service \$300

Voted by ballot and made choice of Ellet Ward Esq. for Moderator
Voted by ballot and made choice of Everett Robinson for clerk

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Voted by ballot and chose the following persons for selectmen viz

His Honor

Wm J. Brinton

Amos Benson

Stephen Shaw

Epheas Perkins

Voted that the school committee consist of three persons

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following person for school committee.

William Rider

Samuel Foster

George Atkinson

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 10th art.

Voted to authorize our Treasurer to vote in

all the stock holder meetings of said Road

companies where the town owns stock.

Voted to choose 5 persons for

auditors

and chose the following persons viz

Peter H. Brinton

Cornelius W. Wood

Sam Perkins

Bradford Perkins

Deratio Thomas

Voted upon the consideration of the 17th art.

Voted that this article be put into the hands

of the owners of the town for them to act

as they may think proper for the interest

of the town.

Voted by ballot and chose

Everett Robinson Treasurer

and chose

Everett Robinson

Collector

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Prudential School Committee

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| No 1. Martin Freeman | No 19. Paul W. Eaton |
| No 2. James McAlister | No 20. Abraham Perkins |
| No 3. Osama Littlejohn | No 21. Albert J. Pratt |
| No 4. Horatio H. Wilbur | No 22. Randal Beane |
| No 5. George W. Wood | No 23. Samuel White |
| No 6. Stephen Harlow jr | No 24. John Southworth |
| No 7. Chas. C. Shaw | No 25. Job P. Nelson |
| No 8. Elephat Thomas | No 26. Lathu Pickens |
| No 9. Cephas Shaw | No 27. Joshua McCully |
| No 10. Cyrus L. Benson | No 28. Jas P. Ashley |
| No 11. Nathl. Knutson 3 ^d | No 29. East Sears |
| No 12. Joseph Nickham | No 30. George Howard |
| No 13. Benj. J. Thomas | No 31. Eli Williams |
| No 14. Joseph S. Thomas | No 32. Lewis Holmes |
| No 15. Davis Thomas | No 33. John C. Haskins |
| No 16. Josiah H. Vaughan | No 35. George W. Churchville |
| No 17. John Pierce | No 36. Chas. Ellis |
| No 18. Silvanus Barrows | No 38. John Raymond |
| Joseph J. Wood | No 39. Seth Thomas |
| Noble Howard | No 40. Wm J. Wood |

Voted that when this meeting is adjourned
that it be adjourned to the first Monday
in April next at one o'clock P.M.

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 18th art
Voted that School Districts No 18 & No 37 be and
shaly are reunited and the two districts formed
into one & be known as School District No 18
Voted that in order to give each district time to
settle their debt & dispose of their property said
reunion go into effect on and after the first day
of May next.

Voted under the 13th art that we choose an agent
for the purpose of buying & selling of the Horses
this year and made choice of Albert Shaw
as such agent.

Voted to authorize the Prudential School Committee
to contract for the term teacher the ensuing
year.

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Voted that this meeting be adjourned
that E. Robinson Town Clerk

April 1st Annual March Meeting by adjournment
from March 4th when the following person were
chosen town officers for the ensuing year.

Surveyors of Highways

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Elijah Hackett | Samuel W. Rider |
| White Fuller | Chas. White |
| Samuel W. Rider | Benjamin Snow |
| Benjamin J. MacGlatky | Stephen McCully |
| Benjamin Thompson | Abner H. Nelson |
| Lebanon Pratt | Edmund A. Barrows |
| Andrew Norton | East Sears |
| Lehman Leonard | Salmon H. Washburn |
| Enos Perrieh jr | George Bennett |
| Winthrop M. Leonard | John Nickham |
| William C. Swift | George W. Wood |
| Abraham Castelle | Joseph Shaw |
| Elisha Cudworth jr | Davis Thomas |
| Charles Farnon | Brady Harlow |
| Marston Hazleton | Elbridge G. Shaw |
| James Haples jr | George Cummings |
| Nathl. Macomber | Nathan Williams |
| David Wood | Elihu Cox |
| Samuel Shaw jr | Leh Sears |
| Jacob Howard | Edwin A. Bishop |
| Harvey Smith | Job Parris |
| Cyrus Bishop | Ben Nickham |
| James Benson | Edmund Adams |
| Albert Thomas | Elijah Shaw |
| Lebanon Perkins | William Harting |
| Joseph H. Bishop | George Howard |
| Loring Tucker | Abraham Perkins |
| Cephas Shaw | Lewis Holmes |
| | Levi Reed P. |

March Meeting by Adj^t Continued
Constables

Joseph Clark	Samuel H. Rider
Milton Alden	Wendell C. Briggs
John C. Reed	Albert H. Cole
Cyrus P. Caswell	James Harlow
Martha Thompson	Samuel F. Pierce

George Pierce and Field Officers

George Bascom	Caleb Alden
John H. Raymond	Lettie Regan
Joseph W. Bisker	James Harlow
Ben Franklin	Albert Southwick
Wm B. Ford	James H. Briggs
Charles Hapley	Melzer Wilson
Alexander Combs	Thomas Darling
Philander Washburn	Benj F. Thresher
Carle Alden	Lettie Perkins
Whiska Baker	Edward Adams
Joseph Clark	Samuel Franklin
Neal Thresher	John F. Vaughan
Alfred Caswell jr	George Barney
Solomon Raymond	Ezra McCutty
John LeBaron	William C. Rider
Thomas Cornington jr	Horatio Franklin
Chas Wood jr	Linus Benson
Peter H. Pierce	George S. Leonard
Lettie Deane	Daniel Coit
Jonathan Smith	Samuel Alden

Committee to settle with

the treasurer

John H. Pierce

Samuel P. Mansville

Chas Richmond

Ordered that one treasurer be a committee
to make a balance up to the
close of all the money received &
paid out by said town

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Assessors Men

John S. Borden
Ezra Chase
John C. Perkins

Surveyors

Charles E. Simpson	Cashman Vaughan
Benjamin Simmons	Joseph S. Borden
Ezra Chase	William C. Coit
Samuel P. Mansville	John Willard
George Loring	James A. Pratt
Albert Thomas	William Caswell jr
Surveyors of Wood and Pasture	
Frederick M. Eaton	George Leonard jr
Bradford S. Washburn	Jonathan M. Willard
Samuel P. Mansville	David Alden
Bradford Harlow	Lettie Thomas
Samuel H. Rider	Carle Deane
Lettie Willard	Joseph S. Borden
Andrew Hartman	Joshua Washburn
Ulrich Pierce	Charles J. Thresher
Amasa Lamb	Chandler R. Smith
Thomas S. Pierce	Edward H. Waterman

Surveyors of Land

Frederick Eaton	Samuel H. Rider
Carle Deane	John Willard
John C. Reed	David S. Coit
Dary Weston	George Coit
William Eaton	John M. Wason
John S. Alden	Ulrich S. Clark

Officers of the Town

Ordered to choose the officers of the town
by ballot and made choice of
Jonathan Coit
Thomas Coggeshall
Peter Vaughan

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Voted to pass to the consideration of the Report.

The Selectmen made a report by this vote signed by them. The Selectmen this report was recommended to the Selectmen for them to go on the premises and locate a school house lot for district No. 6 and make a report of their doings at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 18th vote not to reconsider the vote passed under this act at the last meeting.

Selected to reconsider the vote whereby James Warlow was chosen Constable.

Voted that the constables do the business for the town this year for nothing.

Voted to repair the Highways in the same manner as last year.

Voted to raise the sum of twenty five hundred dollars for the repair of roads and bridges and that the same be expended in labor and materials.

Voted that the same be allowed for labor and materials as the last year.

Voted that $\frac{1}{4}$ of the sum raised be expended before July next.

Voted to raise the sum of four thousand dollars for district schools.

Voted that it be appropriated the same as last year.

Voted to pass to the 10th act and under that act chose Hercules Thomas to have charge of the town house for the present year.

and also chose Hercules Thomas pound keeper for the present year.

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Voted that our treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars voted to dispose of the Savings in the same manner as the last year.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to make a distribution of two hundred Savings to poor persons or one dollar instead having a lot of the proceeds of the Savings.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next town meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk
Annual March Meeting by Adj. held
April 22, 1850. Clerk Ward moderator.

Voted and chose Eliza Brown sister of Wright & measure.

Voted to choose Lorenzo Barrows from barrows as surveyor of Highways & chosen in his place Albert Thomas.

under 10th article.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the road leading from Alden bridge to distant road which was laid out on the petition of Isaac Pratt & others. The road laid out and believed on the petition of Josiah Perkins & others referred to the Selectmen the whole subject.

Voted that George H. Wood Richard Thompson & William Cotton be a committee to have the road to be built at the cost of Thomas M. Cotton's house at the end of the distant road that has been built by them. Succeeded from the town to Ebenezer & Louis dwelling house.

in ordering of the town made a report which was accepted.

Annual Meeting by adjt continued
Voted to pay our collector & treasurer for his services the past year fifty dollars
Voted to add twenty five dollars to what the town has
shame already voted to pay our collector & treasurer for his services the past year

Voted to choose a board of assessors consisting of three persons

Voted by ballot and chosen the following
persons assessors to wit

Parson Bonner

Isidore Bonner

Silas Bonner

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

The following reports were accepted at the adjourned March meeting April 1 1850
first the report of J. F. Alvord and others in reference to building a stone bridge over Fall Brook

The report of John and J. Alvord and others in reference to demanding of Royal Elms the money the town has lent for the support of his daughter

The report of J. F. Alvord & others in reference to building a stone bridge over the Vermilion River. This report was accepted & adopted and the following persons were chosen to carry the same into effect namely

Amos Bonner

Attest M. A. Bonner

George A. Bonner

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting by adjt from
Last Town Meeting, held Oct 14th 1850

Elas Ward Esq Moderator of this meeting
not being present

Nathan King Esq. was chosen moderator pro tem. by ballot

Voted that the surveyors of highways be authorized to collect the highway taxes commuted to them by the assessors and that the assessors give to each of the annual surveyors warrants for that purpose

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from
Last Town Meeting held the 14th day of Oct 1850

Elas Ward Moderator

Voted to raise the sum of \$236.00 by tax the present year for the current expenses of the

Voted that the money be assessed the bills commuted the same time as last year and also that the same be paid as last year

Voted that the report made by E. Robinson be put into the hands of the treasurer for him to collect and have 1000 copies printed

Voted that this meeting be adjourned till next meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from
Last Town Meeting, this meeting held April 4 1850

Elas Ward Esq Moderator

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next town meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting held Sept 1st 1850
 Plymouth ss. To Either of the Constables of the Town
 of Middleborough
 Greeting
 In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts
 take you are directed to notify and warn all the
 inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
 to vote in elections to meet at the town house in said
 town on Monday the first day of April next a Clean
 Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes on one
 ballot to the selectmen for the County Commissioners and
 two special Commissioners for the County of Plymouth
 being all inhabitants of sufficient towns in the County
 And you are further directed to notify and warn
 all the inhabitants of the town aforesaid qualified
 to vote in town affairs to meet at the same place on the
 same day at twelve o'clock noon to act on the following
 articles viz
 First to choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
 Second to see if they will own Abington's bridge with
 stone and to act thereon
 Third To see if the town will instruct their Surveyor
 of Highways to remove fence walls and obstructions
 placed thereon by individuals and also whether the town
 Commissioners have decided this road to be widened and
 act accordingly thereon as the town may think proper
 And you are directed to serve this warrant in the
 form and manner prescribed by law
 Hereof fail not and return this warrant with your
 return thereon to me at the time and place
 of Meeting Given under our hands at Middleborough
 this fourth day of March A.D. 1850

Oliver South
 Cypher Perkins } Selectmen
 Asa J. Winslow } of
 Ephraim Chase Middleborough

Civil Meeting Continued
 Plymouth ss. March 18th 1850
 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and
 warned all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to
 meet at the place and at this time and for the
 purposes within mentioned by posting up notices
 at the several Meeting Houses in said town
 In presence of J. J. James Master Constable of
 Middleborough

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for
 three County Commissioners and two special Commissioners
 as follows to wit

County Commissioners		
Joshua Smith	Leah	Sixty three
Chas. P. Paine		Twenty eight
John York		one hundred & four
Jared Whitman		Twenty
Edmund Caspary		five
Schiller Sampson		five
Jabez P. Thompson		four
Jabez Thompson		one
Special Commissioners		
Edward Southworth		Sixty three
Theophanes King		one hundred and three
Philo Leach		Twenty six
Artemus Hale		fourteen
Samuel Thompson		five
Leona Cushman		five
Whole number		
one hundred & eight		

Attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

April Meeting held 1 day Continued
 Chase Clerk Ward Moderator
 Same article referred to a committee of
 three persons viz
 Otho Soule
 Amos Benson
 George B Wood
 said Committee to report at an adjourned
 Town meeting

under the 3rd
 voted that the Surveyors of Highways be directed
 to remove all fences walls or other obstructions
 placed by individuals or owners of adjoining lots
 whereby the roads are rendered narrow and public
 lands smaller and also to remove all fences & walls
 when the County Commissioners have divided land
 the widened and shortened and the owner of
 the Land have neglected to do the same
 voted that the meeting be adjourned to the
 next Town meeting held in this place at
 1 o'clock P.M.
 attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

April Meeting by adjournment from Apr. 1st
 held 12. 1850

Otho Soule & other Committee to whom was referred
 the second article made a report which was
 accepted and the same is on file

Resolved to choose a Committee to the the report
 reported

voted that the Committee consist of two persons
 and made choice of the following persons
 to wit Otho Soule
 Bradford Kinsler

voted that this meeting be dissolved
 attest E. Robinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting held Apr 23. 1850 162
 Plymouth St.

By authority of the Constable of the Town of
 Middleborough

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass
 shusetts you are directed to notify and warn all the
 inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to
 vote in town affairs to meet at the Town house in said
 Town on Monday the twenty second day of April
 at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following
 articles to wit

First to choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
 Second To see if said Town will dissolve school district
 No 15 and annex portions of said district to district No 3
 No. and 18 and to act thereon legally to the petition
 of Joseph P. Borden and others

Third To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the
 selection of a school house lot in district No 6
 and to act thereon and if they appear

Fourth To see if said Town will authorize their Selectmen
 to let off said lot and expound damages thereon
 to the owner and to act thereon as they may think
 proper

Fifth To see what action the Town will order on the
 location of a coast by the County Commissioners
 on the petition of Cash Drake and others in 1849
 and to act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant according
 to law Hereof fail not and make due return of this
 warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk
 at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
 Given under our hands this eighth day of April
 in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty

Otho Soule } Selectman
 Amos Benson }
 Zephaniah Shaw } Middleborough

April 22 Continued

Plymouth Co. April 15th 1850

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up notices at the several public meeting houses at least two Sabbath before the time appointed for same \$300

James Harton Constable of Middleborough

Voted and then George W Wood Moderator voted that the school district No 15 be dissolved but such dissolution not to take effect till after the last day of April present

Voted that a committee of three persons be chosen to divide the territory of school district No 15 and report at this meeting

Voted and made choice of the following persons as said committee to wit

Edward G Perkins
Eliab North
George Soule

under the 3^d article

Voted to hear the report of the selectmen which was as follows to wit

Town of Middleborough

We the subscribers selectmen of the town of Middleborough have laid out for the use of school district No 6 a school house lot as follows Beginning at a stake and stone on the easterly side of the road near the house of Mrs Jane Bryant and crossing north 78° East on the line of Eliab Seam 7 rods to a stone south 102° East 4 rods and 14 links to a stone in the line of Mrs Jane Seam thence on said line south 69° West 8 rods to the road thence in the line of said road 5 rods and 23 links

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to the corner first mentioned and we agree with the owner of said lot for his damages as follows to said Eliab Seam seventy five dollars to be paid by said district before the 1st of June and the said Eliab Seam released all the damages for logging out said lot on his land which said lot is reported to the town for their acceptance and at the expiration of two months from the time that it is accepted received and payment for damages is secured is forever after to be known as a public school house lot

Dated at Middleborough this twenty second day of April in the year 1850

Geo Soule } Selectmen
Esa L. Winston }
Russ Benson } of
Leah Shaw } Middleborough

Voted to accept & adopt said report
Voted to pass over the 4th article

Voted that the task be referred to the selectmen as a committee with authority to build said road

Edward G Perkins Eliab North & George Soule made the following report to wit

We the subscribers a committee appointed by the town of Middleborough to locate the inhabitants of school district No 15 which has been this day dissolved and is taken effect on the last day of April have attended to that duty and report that all the inhabitants on both sides of the road from the Forge to the lower bridge near the four houses with their lands & estates be set to school district No 18 from the crotch of the road on the top of the Hill on the western coast to the four corners near where the school house now stands thence westerly by the road to the meeting

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Now of Capt Abram Bryant - all the territory on the northwesterly side of the last mentioned road to be set to the school district No 3 & that Samuel Smith's and the Estate on which he now lives and the Melander Robbins and his Estate and the polls of the said Samuel Smith & Melander Robbins be set to School District No 3. Also Beginning at the four corner place where the School House now stands thence Easterly to the House of Joshua Wood including the House & Estate of the said Joshua Wood and all southerly of the last mentioned Road to be set to School District No 14 and all the territory southerly of the road leading from the four corner place to the School House, now stand westerly to Thomas Wood with the exception of Thomas Wood with his lot & estate be set to School District No 14.

C. J. Perkins

Charles Ward

George Soule

which was accepted and adopted
Voted to adjourn this meeting

Attest C. J. Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting held May 27 1850 166

Weymouth ss.

To & then of the Constables of the Town of

Middleborough

Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the town house in said Town on Monday the 27th day of May inst at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To elect a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2nd To see if said Town will reconsider their vote passed at their meeting on the 22nd day of April last when they voted to dissolve School District No 15 in said Town.
- 3rd To see if said Town will reconsider all their votes passed at their meeting in April aforesaid when they voted to take off the several parts of the district then dissolved to Schools District No 3, 14 and 18 and to act thereon.
- 4th To see if said Town will reunite the several parts of this territory formerly comprising School District No 15 so as that it may become a distinct district as heretofore and be known as School District No 15 and to act thereon.

To hear the report of Messrs C. Pratt Henry Demerham Thomas Pratt Lemmon Pratt Ezra Chase Jacob Benson Jacob J. Benson Elizer Caswell Elizer R. Caswell and Ezra Hartson &c to be set off with their lots and estates from School District No 3 and annexed to District No 18 and to act thereon.

To prescribe the mode of notifying and warning Town Meetings for the future if they see cause.
And you are directed to serve this warrant according to law Hereof fail not and return you this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting given under our hands the 17th day of May in the year 1850.

Oliver Soule

Asa J. Winslow

Amos Benson

Lebanah Shaw

Attest
Middleborough

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Plymouth ss. May 18th 1860

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up notices of each of the Public Meeting houses in said town at least two weeks before the time appointed.

James Harlow Constable
Middleborough

Voted to choose a Moderator by ballot.

Voted and chosen Nathan Ring as Moderator.

Voted not to reconsider the vote wherein it was voted to dissolve School District No 15 in the Town.

Art III Voted to pass over this article.

Art IV Voted to pass over this article.

Art V Voted to pass over this article.

Art VI Voted to pass over this article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest C. Robinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Held Oct 11th 1860

Plymouth ss. To each of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town house in said town on Monday the twentieth day of October next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside on said meeting.
- 2nd To see if they will continue to support Harriet Oliver at the State Lunatic Hospital and to act thereon.
- 3 To determine what course they will pursue with regard to building the gravel road laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of Josiah Finkham and others and Gideon Southworth and others and to act thereon.
- 4 To hear the report of the selectmen with respect to any roads which they have thought and ordered or now have the present year and to decide the same if they see cause.
- 5th To see if they will repair the Oliver house and act thereon.
- 6th To determine what course they will pursue in order to secure a sufficient passage for the bridge in Tannum Great river and to act thereon.
- 7 To see if they will set off the Oliver house with the pole and poles therein contained as well as the wood of Thomas Wood and Thomas Wood from School District No 14 and annex them to No 24 and act thereon.
- 8 To see if they will set off all the inhabitants of School District No 14 living on the south side of the Amherst river with their poles and estate and annex the same to district No 14 and act thereon according to the petition of Josiah B. Butler and others.
- 9 To see what they will do in regard to the petition of School District No 14 and others Jack. Esq. & others relative any other petition now pending before the County Commissioners for the widening straightening & the new location of roads & to act thereon.

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And you are directed to serve this warrant according to law thereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doing thereof to the town clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Otis Soule

Ass. J. Winslow } Selectmen
 Apollon Haskins }
 Amos Benson } Middleborough
 Zeph. Shaw }

Attest: 17 October 5th 1850

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the place and time and for the purposes within mentioned by posting notices at the several public meeting houses in said town at least one Sabbath before the time appointed.

James Harlow, Constable of
 said town.

And chose Clark Ward Esq. Moderator
 voted to refer the 2nd article to the owners of the town
 for them to act in the premises as they may think proper
 for the interest of the town.

voted to refer the 3rd to a committee of three persons
 one chosen Amos Benson Otis Soule & Peter H. Henshaw
 voted that said committee be instructed to view said
 roads & report what the probable expense of building
 said roads and the manner of building the same.
 voted under the 4th to accept and adopt the following
 report to wit:

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Middleborough
 have viewed the road near the house of James Shaw as
 follows: Beginning at a stake on the westerly side of the road
 at the land of Melzer Nelson and running south 39° East
 12 rods to the house and we agreed with the owner of the
 land that he should pay for his damage as follows: to the
 said Melzer Nelson twelve dollars to be paid by the town.

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of Middleborough when he shall have received his fences
 and the said Melzer Nelson release all the damage for
 appropriating his land as aforesaid the said Ordinance is hereby
 reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted
 and recorded is for ever after to be known as a public town
 way. Attest Middleborough this 9th day of September in the year 1850

Otis Soule

Amos Benson } Selectmen
 Apollon Haskins }
 Zeph. Shaw } Middleborough

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Middleborough
 have viewed the road at the junction of the Dunston and
 Rhode Island roads near the house of Emerson Jones as
 follows: Beginning at a stake on the westerly side of the Dunston
 road at land owned by the heirs of James Hackett then through
 said land South 11° West 7 rods and one half rods to the
 Rhode Island road. The road to be on the southerly side of
 said line and to extend as far as the Rhode Island road
 being at out time and on both sides of the same corner and we
 agreed with the owner of said land as follows: That dollars
 to be paid by the town of Middleborough to the heirs of James
 Hackett before said road is opened and the said line released
 all the damages for that appropriating these lands and the
 allowed the owners of the land aforesaid six months from the
 first of November next to remove their fences and other property
 from said land which said road is hereby reported to the town for
 their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is
 forever after to be known as a public way.

Middleborough Oct 14 1850

Otis Soule

Zeph. Shaw } Selectmen
 Apollon Haskins }
 of
 Middleborough

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Middleborough
 have viewed the road near the house of John Shaw as
 follows: Beginning at a stake on the southerly side of
 of the road and running North 89° West on the land
 of John Shaw 32 rods and 8 links to a high stone set
 in the ground on the side of the road. said road to be the

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roads wide and southerly from the line aforesaid
and the said John Shaw cleared all the damage
for altering and laying said way through his land
and we allowed him six months to remove his fence
and other property which said road is hereby
reported to the town for their acceptance; and when
accepted and increased a forever after to be
known as a public town way
Dated at Middleborough the 9th day of September the
year 1850

Wm. Soane

And Benson

Apples Harkins

Spanish Land

selectmen

of

Middleborough

Vote

5 art Referred to the overseers of the poor
for them to repair the above house as
they shall think proper

Vote to pass over the 6th art

Vote that the above house with the well
and estate therein with Committee describe
Wood Sophrona Wood Thomas Wood
with their prob and estate ^{best of} school
District No 18 and annexed them to
School District No 24.

8 art rejected

9 art voted to refer the petition of School
D. Atwood & others to the County Commissioners
to a Committee of three and choose
for said Committee East Spear

Chas Ward

Vote

Also the petition of J. Edg & Eliza
Shanna referred to the same Committee
Voted to adjourn the meeting till the next
town meeting at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest E Robinson Town Clerk

Governors Meeting held Nov 11th 1850

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
duly assembled in town meeting on Monday
November 11th 1850 pursuant to a warrant duly issued
and returned of which the following is a true copy

viz

To Either of the Constables of the Town of
Middleborough

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts You are required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote
in Elections to meet at the town house in said town on
Monday the eleventh day of November next at being the second
Monday of said month at ten of the clock in the forenoon
to act on the following articles

- 1 To determine the number of Representatives said town
will choose the present year.
- 2 To bring in their votes to the selectmen for a Governor
and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and
two Senators for the district of Plymouth and for one
or more Representatives to represent them in the General
Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of
January next And also for a Representative to represent
the sixth Congressional district in the next Congress of
the United States all on one ballot The poll will be
opened at ten minutes past 10 o'clock A.M. and remain
open till 2 P.M.

And you are further required to notify the inhabi-
tants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to
meet at the same place on the same day at 2 o'clock
P.M. to act on the following articles

- 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2 To see what said town will do in regard to a
petition signed on the town by the County Commis-
sioners on the petition of Nathan Parkers and others and
to act thereon.
- 3 To see if the town will support Amos Reed at the
above house or compel her sons to provide further
support and to act thereon.

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4 To see if they will compel the mother of
Phoebe Sherman to provide for her daughter
support and to act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant according
to Law. Verifed fail not and make return of this
warrant with your doings thereon to our tables at the
time and place of meeting stated at Middleborough
this 14th day of October in the year 1850

Otis Soule

Apollis Hopkins }
Amos Benson } Selectmen
Zephaniah Shaw } of
Wm. J. Minot } Middleborough

Resolved At a November 8th 1850 by order of the
within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of
the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in
elections by posting a process at the General meeting
houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Elden Constable

Dec 8 300 Middleborough

Noted to send two Representatives to General
Court the present year.

The said inhabitant gave in their votes for
Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators
Representatives to General Court and Representatives
to the next Congress of the United States viz

The whole number of ballot for Governor was 773

George L. Burdwell had 369

George W. Briggs " 318

Hepton C. Phillips " 86

Whole number of ballot for Lieutenant Governor was 773

John Reed had 318

Henry A. Jackson " 369

Amos W. Allen " 86

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Whole number of Ballot for Senators was 773

Philoander Washburn had 321

William Sams " 329

Edouard Cagnon " 445

William H. Ward 454

Whole number of Ballot for Representatives

to the Congress of the United States

Vin Fowler had 429

Edmund P. Little 569

The whole number of Ballot for

Representatives to General Court was 773

Necessary for a choice 389

Joshua Wood had 445

Everett Robinson " 416

Nathaniel Sampson " 314

Oliver Eaton " 315

Peter H. Pierce 18

Eliab Ward 3

Frank Windsor 6

Samuel Penniman 2

Samuel Thompson 6

Asah C. Perkins 1

George W. Wood 1

Freight Wood 2

James Farnum 1

Albert Thomas 1

Also in this meeting coming up under the same

Warrant

Noted and chosen George W. Wood Moderator

to pass over the same article

Noted to refer the 3rd to the owners of the poor

for them to act as they shall think best for the

interest of the Town

Noted to refer the 4th article to the owners of the poor

for them to act as they shall think best for

the interest of the Town

Noted that this meeting be adjourned until the

day Edward E. Robinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Oct 14th 1850 by
Adjournment held Nov 11 1850
Eliab Ward Moderator
under the 3rd Article Russell Benson the
Janer & Peter H. Prince made a Report which
was accepted and is on file
Voted that the same committee be authorized
to raise said road as reported by them
Voted that this meeting adjourned without day
Attest E Robinson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting Monday March 10th 1851

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly
assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 10th 1851
pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of
which the following is a true Copy Viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of
Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts power
directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet
at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Tenth
day of March next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon there
and there to act on the following articles:-

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3^d To choose a board of Auditors to examine claims against
the Town and order payment thereof should the Town
think it expedient.
- 4th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer and for a
Register of Deeds.
- 5th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways
Town ways and Bridges the ensuing year and to vote
anything thereon.
- 6th To raise such sums of money as they may think neces-
sary to defray the current expenses of the Town the
present year, and to appropriate the same as they shall
think proper; to direct when to be opened how paid
and collected and act anything thereon which they
may see cause.
- 7th To allow demands against this Town and to act thereon.
- 8th To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer and
to report to the Town the state of the Treasury and
also an estimate of the sum necessary to be raised by
tax the present year and act thereon.
- 9th To see if they will pay their Collector and Treasurer for his
services the last year and act thereon.
- 10th To choose some person to take care of the Town House
for the ensuing year.

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- Art 11th To see if the Town will authorize their President School Committee to contract with Teachers for their respective districts the present year and act thereon.
- 12th To hear reports from any Town Officers Agent or Committee and act thereon.
- 13th To dispose of the Towns privilege of taking Fleets at the several fishing places in said Town the present year as the law provides and act anything in relation to the sale or disposal of the same as they shall see cause.
- 14th To choose a committee to contract with some person to superintend the affair at the Arms House the ensuing year should they deem it advisable.
- 15th To see what measures they will adopt in regard to building the several Roads ordered by the County Commissioners on the petitions of Isaac Pratt and others in the year 1850 Bradford S. Washburn and others School S. Ashwood and others in 1850 and to act thereon.
- 16th To see if the Town will take any further measures for having the road discontinued which leads from Allen Bridge to the Old road by the Turn of Andrew S. Allen and act thereon.
- 17th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to reimburse them in the meetings of all Rail Road Corporations in which they are interested, and act thereon.
- 18th To see if the Town will establish a high school and to act thereon.
- 19th (by Request) To see what the Town will do in relation to procuring a suitable place in which to hold Selectmens meetings and also for their Assessors, and School Committee and to act thereon.
- 20th To see what they will do in relation to an order of the Senate on the Town by the Legislature on the petition of Luther Washburn and others praying for a division of the Town and to act thereon.
- And you are directed to save the warrant in due form as the law requires.
- Hereof fait^{not} and make returns of this warrant next page

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with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this tenth day of February in the year 1851

Otis Seale
Asa S. Winslow
Amiel Benson
Zephaniah Shaw

Selectmen
of
Middletown

Wymouth ss Feb 7 21st 1851

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and returned all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the place and time and for the purposes within mentioned by Posting of Notice thereof at the several Public Meeting houses in said Town at least fourteen days before the time of said Meeting

I do

James Haslam
Constable of Middletown

To Service \$40

Sealed & Printed 100
\$500

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Nathan May Esq for Moderator

Voted by Ballot and made choice of George Pickens for Town Clerk

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 20th article

Voted to oppose the petition of Luther Washburn and others for a division of the Town.

Voted to instruct their Representatives in the Legislature to oppose a division of the Town in any way

Voted to choose a committee to appear before the Committee of the Legislature to oppose the division of the Town on the petition of Luther Washburn & others

Voted that this Committee consist of one

Voted that this Committee be chosen by nomination and made choice of Clark Ward Esq

Voted that this Committee be empowered to employ such Counsel as he may think proper and also to subpoena such witnesses as he may think proper

March Meeting Continued

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 2^d Article in the warrant

Voted by Ballot and choose the following persons for selectmen viz

Asa T. Winslow
Spencer Washburn
Joseph Hamble Shaw
Samuel Thompson
Jonathan Cobb

Voted to authorize the Prudential School Committee to continue with Teachers the present year

Voted that when this meeting adjourns that it adjourn to the first Monday in April next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Voted that the School Committee consist of five

Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following persons viz Edward G. Peckins
William R. Paine Allen Haffner Milton C. Baker
Seth Sears

Prudential Committee for School Districts

1 Isaac Smith	20 Jason Wilbur
2 Jabez Swift	21 Robert C. Clark
3 George Leonard	22 Otis Hathaway
4 Amos S. Wilbur	23 Benj. F. Holloway
5 George W. West	24 Elbridge G. Shaw
6 Henry H. Thompson	25 Edward W. Richmond
7 Simon S. Thomas	26 Horatio Tenkham
8 Bartholomew Thomas	27 Gilbert Thoms
9 Asaph Howard Jr	28 Daniel Ashley
10 John B. Paine	29 Elbridge G. Ashley
11 John Tenkham	30 Abel W. Ashley
12 Saml W. Rider	31 John Allen
13 Isaac S. Buckman	32 Charles H. Sampson
14 Philander Hooker	33 Samuel P. Keith
15 Peter Varyham	34 Joseph P. Hartman
16 Daniel Westgate	35 Ephraim Washburn
17 Silvanus Washburn	36 Henry Kimball
18 Noble Washburn	37 John A. Shaw
19 Joseph T. Ward	

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Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 13th Article

Voted to sell the privilege of taking Herring at auction to the highest bidder

Voted that the several fishing privileges be put up at auction separately and then all together and sold in the way they will fetch the most. And that the person purchasing the privilege of taking Herring be at the expense of supplying the Herring

Voted that Silvanus Washburn be authorized to sell the Herring

Voted that the purchaser of the privilege of taking Herring give good security to the selectmen payable the first day of June next

Sold all the privileges of taking Herring to Milton Allen for \$35.00

Voted that the last year's Herring be instructed to sell or let nets and other fishing apparatus to the purchaser of the Herring the present year

Voted to choose three Shewage men

Shewage Men

Albert Thomas Gamaliel Bonnard
Luther S. Thomas

Surveyors of High Ways

Elyah Hooker	Joshua L. Bunker
Robert Rider	Levi Reed
Dexter A. Keith	John Shaw
Oliver Thomas	Benjamin W. Bury
Philander Thompson	George A. Leach
Samuel Pratt	Nancy Smith
Ernest Drake	William C. Bunker
Agnes Washburn	Samuel Bunker
Jonathan H. Peckins	Erin Chase
Timothy H. Leonard	Silas Peckins
James G. Nichols	Joseph H. Bunker
Hughes & Briggs	William Allen
Elisha Goodworth Jr	Asaph Howard Jr
Job Bunker	John Clark

March Meeting Continued

Surveyors of Highway Continued

Thomas Washburn	Henry C. Thomas
Zachariah Shaw	Jacob Bennett
Lucius Wood Jr.	Joseph S. Baulton
Samuel Clark	Thomas Coggitt
Josiah Butler	Oliver G. Shaw
William H. Caswell	Luther Murdoch Jr.
Levi Washburn	Denius Lunkhurn
Thomas Sheldrake	Nathan Williams
Sam Thompson	Thomas J. Wood
Allen C. Butler	Job P. Paris
Isaac Washburn	John A. Shaw
Elijah Shaw	William Darling
George Howard	Sysander Richmond
Samuel B. Pety	Levi Shaw
Nathaniel Shattuck	Caleb Allen

Constables

Joseph Clark	Peter D. Ford
Milton Allen	Frederick Leonard
Cyrus P. Caswell	Southworth Ellis
Samuel W. Allen	Carl Sprout
Oliver Henry	Oliver D. Perry
Samuel G. Pierce	

Field Overseers and Fence Viewers

Cyrus Chase	Solomon Raymond
John Raymond	John LeSueur
Isaac Bayant	Solomon W. Reed
Isaac Cushing	George S. Leonard
Nathaniel Edley	Dexter Phillips
Asaph Churchill	Caleb Allen
Phileander Washburn	Allen Cole
Carl Sprout	Denius Lunkhurn
Carl Allen	John North
Cyrus P. Caswell	Pelham E. Gibbs
Joseph Clark	William L. Wood
Isaac Throckmole	John G. Vaughan
Nathaniel Caswell Jr.	Alpha Cushman Jr.
Colt Howard	Had Cannington
	John Miller

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Marion Inspectors to be paid by the Town

Garnet Stensville	Albert Thomas
Cushman Vaughan	

Marion Inspectors to be paid by the Overseers

Milton Allen	Jonah C. Butler
Cyrus P. Caswell	Nathan Perkins
Orlando Carver	Solomon Hunkley
Levi Suther	Levi Cobb
Luther Murdoch Jr.	Caleb Allen
James H. Warner	John C. Perkins
Elijah Coggitt	
Cyrus Chase	

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned
Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting April 7th 1851 by Adjournment

Monday April 7th 1851 this Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

Nathan King Esq. Moderator

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 1st Article
The fourth article was for the town to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer and for Register of Deeds for the year and William S. Leonard of Plymouth had twenty three votes and William S. Russell had five votes for County Treasurer.

and William S. Russell of Plymouth had twenty two votes for Register of Deeds and Moses Bates Jr. of Plymouth had seven votes for Register of Deeds.

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 2nd Article

Voted by ballot and made choice of

George Pickens Treasurer
Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor by ballot and made choice of

Peter Vaughan
Thomas Coggitt
Jonathan Cobb

March Meeting by Adjournment Apr 7th Continued

Voted to proceed to the choice of Surveyors of Sumner

Surveyors of Sumner

Andrew Bates	William Eaton
Carl Sears	John P. Nelson
John C. Hunt	Samuel W. Riches
David Weston	Jason Wilbur
David L. Barker	George Cox
John M. Warren	Alfred S. Clark

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Andrew M. Eaton	Bretherton S. Washburn
Samuel W. Riches	Bretherton H. Harlow
Andrew Hastings	Edith Fuller
William A. Vaughan	Elisha Pease
George Leonard	Thomas S. Dunn
Thomas Seizell	Elvatham W. Wilbur
Joseph Barker	Carl Sears
Milton Allen	Joshua Hastings
Edmund H. Waterman	Hillman Benson
	Calvin Allen

Voted that the Treasurer be collector

Voted to proceed to the choice of some person for

of weights and measure and chose Elisha Pease

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 10th Article

Voted that Amos Thomas have the care of the

Town House and also was chosen Pound Keeper

Voted to take up the article as they occur in

the warrant

Auditors

Peter H. Pease	Caroline D. Wood
Bretherton H. Harlow	Elmer Richmond
David A. Vaughan	Zebulon H. Pratt
Levi Hastings	

Voted that it be left discretionary with the

Surveyors of Highways how much money they

may want out on the Highways in anticipation

of a tax

March Meeting by Adjournment Continued

Voted to raise the sum of twenty five hundred

dollars for the repair of Highways and Bridges the

ensuing year

Voted that the above money be expended in

labour and material for the repair of Highways and

Bridges the present year

Voted that the same be allowed for Labour and material

as last year and that three fourths of the money be

expended before the first of July

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to provide

all Surveyors who do not take their oath

Voted that the sum of four thousand dollars be

appropriated for the support of district schools

the present year

Voted that one quarter of the school money be divided

on the districts same as last year

Voted that three fourths of the money appropriated for

schools the present year be divided on the scholars

Voted that the school money received from the State

be appropriated same as the Towns money

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money

for the payment of demands against the Town not

to exceed one thousand dollars

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee with authority

with George M. Wood for building a piece of road

if they think proper if not report the facts to the

Town

Voted that Peter H. Pease Nathan King and

Silas Pickers be a committee to settle with the

Treasurer

Voted that the above committee be authorized to

transfer the books to their new Treasurer

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 12th Article

Voted that the further reading of the report

of the school Committee be dispensed with

and that the committee be authorized to cause

a sufficient number to be printed for each family

in town to receive one copy

Continued

Said Town as within directed

Middletown May 26th 1851

Attest Allen Constable

Due for Amos & Son

Voted and chose George A Wood Moderator by nominal
Vote and chose Peter H. Pierce Esq. of Court and
Chas. Ward Esq. a committee to oppose the laying
out a Road as petitioned for by John Pratt and
others

Voted and chose Capt Nathaniel Staples a Committee
to oppose the laying out a Road as petitioned for by
Joseph Black and others

Voted to choose a committee to appear before the
County Commissioners on the petition of Jeremiah
Baptist and others and made chosen of Schubert H. Stevens
for said committee

Voted to dispense this meeting

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 10th 1851 by
Adjournment. Nathan Kings Esq. Moderator by
acclamation voted by Ballot and chose Philip Ward
Moderator Pro Tem

This meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
May 26th 1851. No business coming before a meeting
voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting in this place
at one o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting July 28th 1851

Phymouth for the order of the Constables of the town
of Middletown

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are directed to notify and summon all the
inhabitants of the Town of Middletown qualified
to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House
in said Town on Monday the twenty eighth day
of July instant at one o'clock afternoon to act
on the following business

First to choose a moderator to govern said meeting
Second to hear the petition of Eliza Barker and others
relative to choosing a Committee to meet the County
Commissioners at Plymouth on the petition of
August West for the purpose of opposing the location
of a new Road which has been petitioned for by
Robert H. Thomas and others which is now pending
before the County Commissioners and act on
anything thereon as they shall see cause

3^d to see what said Town will do relative to building
or repairing the Bridge over the river near
the Common Barnham and act on anything thereon
that the Town shall think proper

And you are directed to serve this warrant as the form
and manner prescribed by law

Hereof test not in return this warrant with power
doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting
Given under my hand at Middletown this fourth day
of July A.D. 1851

Samuel West
Joseph H. Thomas
John H. Thomas

Phymouth for July 28th 1851
Be it remembered that I have notified the inhabitants
who are qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting of
notices at their several dwelling houses in and about
within directed

Joseph Black Constable of
Middletown

Town Meeting of July 28th Continued

Adel and then Mr Wood by Moderator by nomination
 Voted not to pass over the 2nd Article of the warrant
 Article to reconsider the vote where it was voted not
 to pass over the 2nd Article in the warrant - and
 Voted to pass over the 2nd Article in the warrant
 Voted that the Town choose by nomination a building
 Committee to consist of three persons to be nominated
 by the Moderator to rebuild Boushams Bridge and
 make chain of Capt Nathaniel Staples Apples Hawk
 and Earl Sprout

Voted that the whole matter of building Boushams
 Bridge be left discretionary with the Committee and
 whether it shall be built of Wood or Stone
 Voted that this meeting be adjourned
 Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from
 May 26th 1851 Nathan King Esq Moderator being
 absent Voted by ballot a new made choice of

Mr H Wood Esq Moderator pro tem

Voted to take up the 4th Article of the warrant
 Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to raise money
 in anticipation of a tax not to exceed eight hundred
 dollars to defray the expense of building the Staples
 bridge and a bridge

Voted that the Committee for discontinuing the
 road at Staples Bridge be discharged -

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next
 Town meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
 July 28th 1851

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting September 28th 1851

The undersigned Letter of the Constables of the Town
 of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth
 Greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts you are directed to notify the
 freeholders of said Middleborough who are qualified
 to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town hall
 in said Middleborough on Monday the twenty
 ninth day of September at one o'clock in the
 afternoon the same then to act on the following
 articles -

To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
 To see if the same will accept the report of the
 Selectmen made to the session of the July last and
 act any thing therein the same shall be cause
 to see if the same will cut off Lyman's Richard
 O'back's share in said debt when with their debts
 and estates for in school to wit to 20 and annex
 them to the tax for 1851 - and act any thing
 thereon the same shall be cause

To hear the report of the Selectmen relative to a
 petition of Jacob G Sparrow

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
 it in public places thereof at each of the public meetings
 to be held in the said Town for ten days at least
 before the time for holding said meeting -

Thereof said not and make due return of this
 warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk
 at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this eighth day of
 September in the year one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty one

Jonathan Bell	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Samuel Thompson	
Apples Hawks	
Zechariah Shaw	
Wm J Wadsworth	

over

Town Meeting of Sept^r 29th 1851 Contamined

Plymouth p. By virtue of the within warrant
I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of
Middleborough by posting up notices of the within
warrant at the usual Meeting House in said Town
as within directed

Sept^r 20th 1851 Milton Helen Constable of Middleborough

Voted and chose Nathaniel Henry Edge Moderator
by nomination

Voted to pass over the 2^d Article in the warrant for
the present

Voted that the request of the persons named in the 3^d
Article to be set off from school district No 20 and to be
annexed to school district No 19 be complied with.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in relation
to the petition of Jacob C. Sprague contained in the 4th Article

Voted to adopt the same report which report is on file
Voted to pass to the consideration of the 5th Article in the
warrant

Voted that the report of the Selectmen in relation to
revising the jury box be recommended to a committee
of three persons to report forthwith and made one
of Capt. Nathaniel Thigley Capt. School S. Alwood and
Garret Bunnerville for said committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for the third
half an hour

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in relation
to revising the jury box as directed by the committee
chosen for that purpose

Voted to adopt the same report

Voted that this meeting be now adjourned

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting by Adjournment from July 25th 1851

Nathaniel Henry Edge Moderator being present This meeting
was called to order pursuant to an adjournment July 25th 1851

when the following resolutions passed

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 8th Article in the warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to do with the
Steamer which report is on file

Voted to raise the sum of Nine thousand four hundred
Dollars by tax the present year for the construction of
the Town

Voted that the taxes be apportioned and collected and the
same discount made for prompt payment as last year

Voted that we now proceed to the choice of a Selectman
in place of Samuel Thompson Esq. deceased

Voted by ballot and made choice of Mr. South

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 7th Article

Voted to pay our Collector and Treasurer Seventy five dollars
for his services the past year

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next town
meeting in the place at one O'clock P. M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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 Towns Meeting held Nov. 10th 1857

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury have duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday Nov. 10th 1857 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and return of which the following is a true copy Viz-

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury in the County of Plymouth

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in the town house in said town on the 10th day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles-

1. To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year.

2. To bring in their votes to the selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth two Senators for the district of Plymouth and for one or more Representatives to represent the town in the General Court to be held at Boston the first Wednesday of January next; all to be deposited in the ballot box in one sealed envelope and also at the same time to give in their votes by ballot on this question: "Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth." Polls to be open from 19 minutes past 10 A.M. to 2 o'clock. Two boxes will be provided the receipt of which you are directed to serve this warrant due form and season as the law requires. And you are directed to serve this warrant with your duty thereunto at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of October in the year 1857

Jonathan Cobb
 Stephen Kiskadee
 Stephen Kiskadee
 John I. Wheeler
 Oliver Soule

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 Town Meeting Continued

Plymouth ss. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in election by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses and sweet houses as within directed
 William Allen Constable
 November 8th 1857
 of Middlebury

Voted to send two Representatives to General Court the present year

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor ^{Senators} Representatives to General Court also gave in their votes on the following question viz. Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth?

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 755

George S. Boutwell had 339
 Robert C. Winthrop " 317
 John C. Duffur " 80

The whole number of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 755

Henry W. Cushman had 339
 George F. Jewett " 317
 Amasa Mather " 80

The whole number of ballots for Senators was 755

James Thompson had 438
 Caleb M. Prouty " 439
 Luther Stephenson " 217
 Lewis Hemenway " 516
 William A. Sumner " 1
 John Ruffell " 1

over

Governors Meeting Continued

The whole number of ballots for Representatives to General Court was 154

Acceptance for a choice 319

Joseph C. Wood	411
Oliver Ward	101
Oliver Eaton	316
Nathaniel Sampson	315
William Benson	1
James G. Cookman	2
Nathaniel Macomber	1
Cyrus Nelson	1
James S. Thayer	1
George W. Wood	11
Lysander Hathaway	1
George Shattuck	3
Jonathan Smith	1

The inhabitants gave in their votes on the following question as contained in the 2d Article of the warrant

"Is it expedient that delegates be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of the Commonwealth?"

Yeas 394
Nays 329

There were seven ballots not sealed up and which were not counted of them six contained the ticket bearing the following names

- for Governor George L. Beal
 - for Sen. James Henry W. Cookman
 - for Sen. John P. Hathaway
 - for Rep. Caleb W. Hunt
 - for Rep. to General Court Oliver Ward
 - for Rep. to General Court Joseph C. Wood
- and on the tenth the following ticket
- for Governor Robert C. Wentthrop
 - for Sen. James George Grinnell

Governors Meeting Continued

In Senate Lewis Tappan
 Luther Stephenson
 Representatives to General Court
 Oliver Eaton
 Nathaniel Sampson

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from Sept 29th 1851. Nathan King Esq. Moderator being present no business coming before the meeting voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Dec 1st 1851

At a Convention of the Representatives of the Town of Plymouth ss. to any Constable in the Town of Middlebury in said County Greeting

In the name of said Commonwealth you are hereby required to give notice to the qualified voters of said Town to assemble at their Townhouse in said Town on Monday the first day of December next at two of the clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following business

1. To choose a Moderator of this meeting
 2. To take the sense & opinion of the Town in respect to the location of a hospital for the insane & appropriate such portion of the surplus moneys in their hands for that purpose as shall seem fit to the Town & act any thing therein which to the Town shall seem proper
- And you are required to make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon at the term & day aforesaid. our

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Given under our hand this twentieth day of November one thousand eight hundred & fifty
 Jonathan Bell } Selectmen of
 Speller Harkness } the Town of
 Old South } Middlebury

Respectfully November 24th 1851 By order of the
 within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
 of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote
 in Town affairs by posting up notices at the several
 Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed
 Hutton Adams Constable of the
 Town of Middlebury

Then Nathan King Esq Moderator by nomination
 Voted to adjourn this meeting for two weeks from
 the day at one o'clock P.M.

George Pickens Town Clerk

Dec 1st 1851 Town Meeting by adjournment from Nov 24th
 1851 Nathan King Esq Moderator present and no business
 coming before the meeting
 Voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting in this
 place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting by adjournment from Dec 1st 1851
 Nathan King Esq Moderator present

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted
 Whereas the Inhabitants of this Town have become
 convinced that the proposed Hospital for the Insane
 will be of great benefit to the Town in which it
 shall be located and that the location of it in the
 Town would be of greater public convenience than
 in any other Town.

Voted that Zephaniah Eddy, Peter H. Pease and
 William H. Wood be a Committee to make sale
 of so much of the stock of the Town in the Capital
 Stock of the Fall River and Maine Corporation as will
 produce the sum of six thousand dollars and with the
 proceeds thereof purchase a suitable site for said
 Hospital and convey the same to the Commonwealth.

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that said Hospital shall be located and built
 thereon and supported and sustained in manner
 contemplated by the resolve of the Legislature and
 provided further that the State shall accept of the
 said donation

Voted to add four thousand dollars to the above
 six thousand already appropriated from the
 surplus revenue

Voted that the Committee now chosen be directed
 to report when the Commonwealth with the above
 resolutions and vote by all proper means the
 location of the Hospital in this Town

Voted to adjourn this meeting

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Dec 15th 1851 by
 adjournment from Dec 1st 1851 Nathan King Esq
 Moderator being present the meeting was called
 to order and the following order resolution
 Voted that the Selectmen be directed to pay
 all such of the Special Police as will for
 pay one dollar per day for their services at
 Muster last fall

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the
 next regular Town meeting in this place
 at one o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Dec 29th 1851

Plymouth Co. to any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble and meet together at their Town house in said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty one at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following business to wit
1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
2d To hear the petition of Luther Washburn and others for the purpose of reconsidering the vote wherein the Town voted at their last Town meeting to take ten thousand dollars of their Surplus Revenue money to purchase a site or to be used to induce the State Committee to locate the Insane Hospital in Middleborough and to act on anything therein that the Town shall see cause.

And you are required to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before said time of meeting
Given under our hands at Middleborough this day of December 1851

Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
Apples Barker }
Asa J. Winslow } Middleborough

Plymouth Co. by virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town house as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough this 22nd 1851

William Allen Constable

Chen (Luther King) Esq. Moderator by nomination and the following motion was then made
Move that the vote passed at the last Town Meeting wherein the Town voted to appropriate ten thousand

Town Meeting Dec 29 Continues

of their Surplus Revenue to purchase a site for the Insane Hospital be reconsidered
Voted that the above motion be laid on the table for the present

Voted that this meeting be now adjourned
Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March meeting Dec 29th adjournment from Dec 15th 1851 Nathan King Esq. Moderator being present the meeting was called to order and no business coming before the meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next regular Town Meeting in this place at one o'clock P.M.
Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting January 19th 1852

To William Allen one of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough or any other Constable of said Town

You are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town house in said Middleborough on Monday the nineteenth day of January next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business to wit

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
2d To hear the petition of William Allen and others requesting the inhabitants of the Town to surmount for the establishment and maintenance of a Fire Department for the reasonable protection of the inhabitants and property within the limits of a certain district of which the center is at or near the Corn Corner as is more particularly described in their petition and act on anything therein that they may see cause

And you are required to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid

Town Meeting Jan 19th 1852 Continued

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of December
in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty two

Speller Shastin } Selectmen
Gephraiah Shaw }
Jonathan Cobb } Middleborough
Jan 19th 1852

Plymouth Co. By virtue of the within warrant I have
notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town House in
said Town as within directed by posting up notices
at the several Meeting Houses in said Town

Milton Allen Constable

Voted and chose Nathan King Esq. Moderator
Voted that the Town refuse to raise money for the
support of a fire department as set forth in the V. A.
and the warrant as requested by Milton Allen and others
Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Second March Meeting Jan 19th 1852 by adjournment
from Dec 29th 1851 Nathan King Esq. Moderator being
present the meeting was called to order and no
business coming before the meeting
Voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting
in this place at two o'clock P. M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Feb 9th 1852

Plymouth Co. By virtue of the Constables of the Town
of Middleborough in said County

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are required to notify and warn all the Inhabi-
tants of said Town qualified to vote in Town
affairs to assemble and meet together at their
Town House in said Town on Monday the 9th
day of February next at 1 o'clock P. M. to act on
the following business: Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2^d To see what the Town will do in relation to
the petition of Luther Washburn and others respecting
the division of the Town of Middleborough and
also to act on an order of the Court which will prob-
ably be served on the Town Clerk once before
the time of said meeting and to do anything
thereon that the Town may think proper
They fail not and make return of this warrant
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at
or before the said time of meeting

Given under our hands at Middleborough this 20th
day of January 1852

Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
Speller Shastin }
Gephraiah Shaw } Middleborough

Plymouth Co. Feb 9th 1852 By virtue of the within
warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the
Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town
affairs to meet at the Town House as within directed
by posting up notices at the several Meeting
Houses in said Town

Milton Allen Constable

Voted to choose a Moderator by nomination
Voted and chose Nathan King Esq. Moderator
Voted that the Town oppose the petition of Luther
Washburn and others for a division of the Town of
Middleborough

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #105
TOWN RECORDS 1852-1853, 16:203-260 Holbrook

Town Meeting July 27th 1852 Continued

Voted that the Town choose an Agent to appear before the Committee of the Legislature to oppose the petition of Luther Washburn and others for a division of the Town.

Voted that the agent be chosen by nomination. Voted and chose Wm. A. Wood Esq. an agent to oppose the petition of Luther Washburn and others and that he be authorized to employ such Counsel and subpoena such witnesses as he may think proper. Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting July 29th 1852 by Adjourn from Jan 7th 1852. Nathan King Esq. Moderator presided. The meeting was called to order and no business coming before the meeting. Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting in this place at one o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Held for the Choice of County Commissioners & Annual March Meeting March 1st 1852

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 1st 1852 pursuant to warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy. Wm. Plymouth Esq.

To all of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon there and there to bring in their votes to the selectmen for a County Commissioner, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joshua Smith Esq. the Chairman of the board, especially to the prompt of the board of examiners for the County of Plymouth.

And you are further directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the same place and on the same day at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon there and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.
3. To see if the Town will authorize those present at said Town meeting to contract with teachers for the year ensuing to instruct the present year and to act thereon.
4. To see if they will delegate to the several school districts the power to elect prudential school committees for their respective districts and to act thereon.
5. To see if the Town will authorize their prudential school committees to contract with teachers for their respective districts the present year and to act thereon.
6. To choose a board of Auditors to examine claims against the Town and make payment thereof should they deem it expedient.

Annual March Meeting 1852 Continued

6. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year and to act thereon
7. To raise such sum of money as they may think necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town the present year, and to appropriate the same, as they shall think proper; to direct when to be apptd, how paid and collected; and act any thing thereon which they may see cause.
8. To allow accounts against the Town and act thereon
9. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and to report to the Town the state of the Treasury and an estimate of the sum necessary to be raised by tax the present year and to act thereon
10. To see if they will pay their Treasurer and Collector for services the last year, and to act thereon
11. To choose some person to take the care of the Town
12. To dispose of the Town's privilege of fishing, and the several fishing places in said Town the present year as the two prior years, and to act any thing in relation to the sale or disposal of the same as they shall see cause
13. To see if they will authorize their Treasurer to represent them in the meetings of all Rail Road Corporations which the Town is interested; and to act thereon
14. To see if the Town will unite districts No 32 and 13 in one district, agreeably to the petition of Abner C. Parsons and others, and to act thereon.
15. To see what the Town will do in relation to repairing and making more convenient for passing the road from John C. Bards to the top of the Bards hill so called; and act any thing thereon as they shall see cause; especially to the petition of Andrew C. Wood and others
16. To hear the report of the Selectmen with regard to settling, straightening or new locating of any Road and to act thereon
17. To hear the report of any Town Officer, Agent or Committee and to act thereon

Annual March Meeting 1852 Continued

18. To see if they will allow the claim of Nathaniel Staples against the Town, and to act thereon.
 19. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- And you are directed to give this warrant by posting notice thereof in the several meeting houses in said Town in due form and season as the law requires.
- And of full note, and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to counties, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year 1852

Jonathan Cobb	} Selectmen
Zephaniah Shaw	
Spencer Hastings	
Asa J. Winslow	} Middleborough
Olas Soule	

Whereas by virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed by posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said Town

Middleborough Feb 27th 1852

Milton Allen Constable

The said inhabitants then proceeded to vote by ballot for one County Commissioner which being counted and declared the result made was as follows

Vote Whole number of ballot for County Commissioner 1169

Isaac Henry of Hingham had 71

Samuel Briggs of Hingham 33

Joseph Chamberlain of Middleborough 5

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Then voted by ballot and made choice of William H. May Jr

Moderator

Voted by ballot and chosen Guy Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting 1832 Continued

✓ Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following persons
Scholeasters

Oliver Soule Apollis Haskins
Jonathan Cobb Everett Robinson
Isaac J. Moulton

✓ Voted that the School Committee consist of five

Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following persons for

School Committee

William H. Wood William H. Pierce
Edmond G. Perkins Ruben Hafford
Seth Dear

✓ Voted that the Board of Overseers of the Poor consist of three

Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following persons for

Overseers of the Poor

Benjamin P. Wood

Thomas G. Pratt

Schubert J. Howard

✓ Voted to choose nine Constables

Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following persons for

Constables

Samuel W. Rider Milton Allen

Joseph Clark Samuel G. Pierce

✓ Voted to postpone further action in relation to
choosing Constables for the present

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 12th Article

✓ Voted that the petition of Oliver C. Parsons and others
be referred to a committee of three and made choice of

Joshua Wood and Schubert J. Howard and they are to

choose the third person and make choice of such and such

✓ Voted to pass over this Article for the present

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 3^d Article

✓ Voted to give power to the several School Districts to

choose their Prudential Committees

✓ Voted that when this meeting adjourns it be

adjourned to the first Monday in April next at

one o'clock P. M.

Annual March Meeting 1832 Continued

Then proceeded to the choice of

Surgeons of Highways

Andrew B. Wood

Charles Haskins

Samuel W. Rider

George Thomas

Phileander Thompson

John H. Pratt

Enoch Weston

Agnes Washburn

Jonathan H. Perkins

* George Osburn of Danvers

Southworth Colles

Sidney Tucker

Ethan Parson

Joshua L. Warren

* Levi Reed of Danvers

Josiah Baker

John Sampson

* Schabert Thompson

Harvey Kimball

George S. Howard

Nathaniel Shurtliff

John C. Barber

Quel W. Eaton

Abner Perkins

John G. Vaughan

* William Darling of Danvers

James A. Richardson

Seth P. Thomas

Barzillai B. May

John Bagamian

Sara Smith

Benjamin B. Wood

* William C. Barrows of Danvers

* Simon Benson of Danvers

Lyra Chase

James G. Miller

Arnold Leach

Asaph Howard of Danvers

John Clark of Danvers

Thomas Washburn

Seth Kim

Samuel Wood of Danvers

Nathan Sherman

William Caswell

Elkanah Williams

Jonah Vaughan

Jonah S. Camish

Amos C. Barrows

Alpha Croftman of Danvers

Leather Moulton of Danvers

Nathan Williams

John P. Davis

Levin Bryant

Woodward Tucker

Zechariah Perkins

Elephant Thomas

Voted to pass to the consideration of the 12th Article

Voted to choose an agent to manage the Spring

fishery the present year and made choice of

Albert Thomas for Agent

Voted that the Town Agent be instructed to sell the Spring

for the most he can get for them

* Executed

Annual March Meeting 1852 Continued

Ordered that the Town Agent be instructed to make a list of Shopkeepers and Stageway men and report to this meeting

Ordered that the pounds of the Town be equally divided on all the tax paying inhabitants of the Town the following names were then presented by the Assessor for House Inspectors and Stage Wagoners and chosen by the Town

Stage Wagoners

George H. Wood Joseph S. Barden
Orin Chase

Assessors

Sidney Tucker Charles Sampson
Ezra Chase Charles Soule
Ruben Sumner Cyrus P. Caswell
Cushman Boynton Albert Thomas
Samuel H. Smith

Ordered that the Prudential School Committee be authorized to contract with Teachers

Ordered to reconsider the vote wherein the Town delegates authority to the School districts to choose their Prudential Committee

Ordered and made chain of the following names for Prudential School Committee

1 James Soule	14 Joshua Wood
2 Henry S. Murray	15 Thomas Lovell
3 Nelson Wood Jr	16 Nelson Bannister
4 Eben A. Soule	17 Enock Burkham
5 Darius Darling	18 John C. Barden
6 Seth Dean	19 Joseph S. Wood
7 Samuel S. Thomas	20 James G. Cushman
8 Ephraim Thomas	21 Jacob Keith
9 Ephraim Shaw	22 Olin Hathaway
10 Joshua S. Bardon	23 Samuel Johnson
11 Benjamin Burham	24 Stillman Andrews
12 Samuel H. Wier	25 Williams Edgar
13 William C. Bardon	26 Edward H. Nickerson
	27 Silvanus Sampson
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Annual March Meeting 1852 Continued

Prudential School Committee Continued

27	Sumner Smith	33	Joseph S. Barden
28	Elbridge Ashley	34	Henry A. Dean
29	Earl S. Ashley	35	Amos Burham
30	John Allen	36	Samuel Raymond
31	Silas Pickens	37	Abraham C. Briggs
32	Samuel S. Pugh	38	Reuben L. Clark

Ordered that this meeting be adjourned

Most George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 5th 1852

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleburgh being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday April 5th 1852 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth Co.

I, the undersigned, the Constable of the Town of Middleburgh in the County of Plymouth, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts do hereby direct to certify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at fifteen minutes before one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles to wit

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
2nd To see what the Town will do in reference to building the roads widened & straightened by the County Commissioners on the petitions of Samuel Cushman and others also on the petition of John Pratt & others and to act on any thing thereon
3rd To see if the Town will pay the several accounts left with William H. Wood Esq for collection against said Town by Daniel Allen & others & act on any thing thereon
4th (By request) To see what the Town will do in relation to widening & straightening & repairing long portions

April Meeting April 5th Continued

to collect and act any thing thence they may see cause in reference to said road

5th To see if the Town will straighten road & upon the following road to wit the road leading from Mich Sampson to the County road, also the road leading from Free will Baptist Meeting House by Oliver Person to Stanton line and to act any thing the Town may see cause

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form as the law requires, they fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting afterwards

Given under our hands at Middletown this twenty fifth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Evett Robinson	} Selectmen of Middletown
Jonathan Cobb	
Olis Soule	
Asa J. Winsten	
Spiller Haskins	

My mouth for Justice of the peace warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middletown & qualified to return Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town by putting up notices at the Town Meeting House in said town as therein directed

Middletown 4 April 1st 1852

William Alden Constable

Noted and chose William H Wood Esq Moderator by acclamation

Noted that so much of the 3rd Article as relates to the petition of Samuel Cushman and others be referred to a committee of three and made chosen of Olis Soule, Evett Robinson and East Sprout for said committee

Noted that so much of the 3rd Article as relates to the petition of John Pratt and others be referred to the Selectmen

Noted that the Selectmen be instructed to pay the sum of persons named in the 3rd Article one dollar per day for their services as special Police

April Meeting April 5th Continued

Noted to refer the whole matter of the 3rd Article to the Selectmen and to report thereon

Noted to prepare the 5th Article

Met George Dickins Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from March 1st 1852 held April 5th 1852

Noted by ballot and made chosen of George Dickins

Sumner then presented to the choice of the following officers viz

Noted and made chosen of George Dickins Collector

Fence Viewers & Field Viewers

Cyza Chase	Samuel Huntington
William Davis	William C. Cobb
William A King	Asaph Churchill
East Alden	East Sprout
Joseph Clark	Charles White
Nathaniel Caswell Jr	John G. Vaughan
Salomon Raymond	Silvanus W. Reed
Albert Thomas	Jacob Thomas
Nathaniel Alden	Dea. Phelps
Charles W. Staples	John P. Nelson
Charles J. Dunham	Nathan Keith
Thomas Darling	William J. Hood
Asa Cunningham	John C. Reed
William Carter	Seth Miller
Charles B. Smith	Charles H. Hinkham
Isaac Bryant	

Surveyors of Town

Sidney Eaton	East Sprout
Jacob Holmes	Quinn Weston
David L. Carter	John M. Mason
William Eaton	John P. Nelson
Isaac Smith	Jason Wilbur
George Cox	Nathan Thompson

April Meeting April 5th Continued

To collect and act any thing shown they may see cause in reference to said road
5th To see if the Town will straighten & repair the following roads to wit: the road leading from which Sampson to the County road, also the road leading from Free will Baptist Meeting House by Oliver River to Naughton line and to act any thing the Town may see cause

And you are directed to see this warrant is due for as the law requires. And fail not and make return of this warrant within four days to the Town Clerk or before the time of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hand
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William Allen Constable

Voted and chose William A Wood Esq Moderator
by nomination

Voted that so much of the 2 Article as relates to the
of Samuel Cookman and others be referred to a committee
of three and made chosen of Oliver Sealer, Everett Nelson
and Carl Spaul for said committee

Voted that so much of the 2 Article as relates to the
of John Pratt and others be referred to the Selectmen
Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to pay the
persons named in the 3 Article one dollar per day for their
services as Special Police

April Meeting April 5th Continued

Voted to refer the whole matter of the 2 Article to the
Selectmen and to report thereon
Voted to pass the 5th Article

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk
Annual March Meeting by adjournment from
March 1st 1852 till April 5th 1852
Voted by ballot and made chosen of George Pickens

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April Meeting April 5th Continued

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cause in reference to said Road

5th To see if the Town will straighten & repair the following roads wit^h the road leading from Urwick Samprons to the County road, also the road leading from Free will Baptist Meeting House by Oliver Pomeroy to Warrington line and to act any thing the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due
as the law requires, being fail not to make return
of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk
on or before the term of Michaelmas above.

Given under our
fifth day of March
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William Alden Constable

Voted and chose William R. Wood Esq. Moderator
by nomination

Vote that so much of the 2^d Article as relates to the part
of Samuel Buchanan and others be referred to a committee
of three and made them of Oliver Southworth, Edwin Robinson
and Earl Spaul for said committee

Order that so much of the 2^d Article as relates to the justice of John Pratt and others be referred to the Librarian
Order that the Librarian be instructed to pay the persons named in the 3^d Article one dollar per day for their services as special Police

April Meeting April 3rd Continued

Resolved to refer the whole matter of the 4th Article to the Selectmen and to report thereon
Voted to pass the 5th Article

Most George Pickens, Town Clerk
Annuel March Meeting by adjournment from
March 1st 1852 till April 5th 1852
Voted by Ballot and made choice of George Pickens.

Yours & ever affectionately
J. John Shaw & Co.

J. Lewis as Treasurer & Collector

for the Year Ending April 1864 30000

for paying State Aid and helping
the poor in the same time

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April Meeting April 5th Continued

to call and act any thing there they may see
 cause in reference to said Road
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 of Samuel Cushman and others be referred to a committee
 of three and made choice of Oles Senter, Everett Nelson
 and Carl Spaul for said Committee
 Voted that so much of the 2nd Article as relates to the
 of John Pratt and others be referred to the Selectmen
 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to pay the sum
 persons named in the 3rd Article one dollar per day for their
 services as Special Police

April Meeting April 5th Continued

Voted to refer the whole matter of the 2nd Article to the
 Selectmen and to report thereon
 Voted to pass the 5th Article
 Met George Pickens, Town Clerk
 Annual March Meeting by adjournment from
 March 1st 1852 held April 5th 1852
 Voted by Ballot to choose Samuel Cushman Town Clerk

Let it be referred to the Selectmen to report on the
 matter of the 2nd Article of the Town Charter
 as it relates to the power of the Selectmen
 to make and alter the laws of the town
 and to report thereon at the next
 annual meeting of the town
 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed
 to pay the sum of one dollar per day
 for the services of the Special Police
 named in the 3rd Article of the
 Town Charter

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Annual March Meeting 1852 by Agreement Continued

Treasurers of Road and Beach

Andrew M. Eaton	Samuel Rounsaville
John D. Martin	Andrew Washburn
William A. Vanehous	Amasa Lunt
Thomas Luzzell	Abner Perkins
Allen Allen	Venas Snow
Bradford S. Washburn	Bradford Haden
Elmer Shaw	Oliver Pierce
Thomas S. Pierce	Jonathan M. Wilbur
Earl Lewis	Joshua Washburn
William Benson	George W. Wood

Auditors

Peter A. Pierce	Benja. P. Wood
Bradford Haden	Levi Washburn
Camden B. Wood	Oliver Richmond
Andrew M. Eaton	

Committee to settle with Treasurer

Peter A. Pierce	Nathan King
Silas Pickens	

Voted to excuse James North from serving as President School committee and then Nathan North in his stead

Voted to excuse Elbridge G. Shley from serving as President School committee and then Rufus Hafford in his stead

Voted to excuse Lincoln A. Thomas from serving as President School committee and then Schabed Sampson in his stead

Voted to excuse Charles Anthony from serving as President School committee and then Lemmy Johnson in his stead

Voted to excuse Joshua LeBaron from serving as President School committee and then Thomas M. LeBaron in his stead

Voted to excuse the following persons from serving as Surveyors of Highways and when the persons named below in their stead

Levi Bond	and then	Emek Southworth
William Parbury	and then	Shad Carington
William C. Barnes	and then	Adoniram Smith
George Whelan	and then	George Barney
Simon Benson	and then	Lyman LeBaron
Schabed Thompson	and then	Lyman Smith
Charles M. W. Patten	and then	Lyman Smith

On account of school committee

Surveyors of Highways, even

Annual March Meeting 1852 by Agreement Continued

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 7th Article

Voted that the sum of four thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of district school the present year

Voted that the school money be divided the same as last year

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to have money in anticipation of a tax not to exceed one thousand dollars to meet the expenses of the term

Voted to appropriate Twenty five hundred dollars for the repair of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year

Voted that the above money be expended same as last year

Voted that the same be allowed for labor as last year

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be instructed to collect all bills and return the same to the Selectmen as required by law

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be authorized to work on the several Highways before they receive their bills for the present year giving credit to the several persons so working

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be instructed to keep the Highways clear of wood and lumber

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of visiting School districts

No 15432 which report was in favor of visiting said district and the same is on file

Voted that the above vote take effect on the first of May next

Voted to refer the 15th Article to the Selectmen without instructions

Voted that Hercules Thomas have the care of the Town House the ensuing year

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to act in Post Road meetings

Voted to accept the report of the overseer of the poor

Voted to pay Capt Nathaniel Shapley the balance due him for building a Road leading to the Depot

Voted and then Deas Phillips Thomas S. Washburn & James Warren Henry Burpitt

Annual March Meeting 1832 by Adjournment Continued

✓ Voted to pay over the 19th Article
 ✓ Voted to pay three Assessors & Collectors twenty five Cents
 for her services the past year
 ✓ Voted and chosen George A. Deane State of Weights and
 Measures in place of Elisha Pease he declining to serve
 ✓ Voted that this meeting be now adjourned to the next
 Town meeting in the place at two o'clock P.M.
 Met George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 10th 1832

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Plymouth Co.

To the Hon. of the Constables of the Town
 Middleborough in the County of Suffolk Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid You are hereby
 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town
 qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town
 House in said Town on Monday the tenth day of May
 next at two O. Clock P.M. to act on the following
 Articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will appropriate their Selectmen to
 enlarge the School House lot in school district No. 3 as
 requested by a committee of S^d District or act any thing
 thereon they may see cause.
- 3^d To see if the Town will oppose the following petition
 now pending before the County Commissioners to wit
 of John Edley and others Benjamin F. Thomas & others
 William S. Pease and others and to act any thing in
 relation to said petition they may see cause.
- 4th To see what action the Town will take in relation
 to certain citations served on the Clerk of the Town by order
 of the County Commissioners for the Town to show cause of
 any they have why the following roads have not been
 made as directed by said Commissioners to wit the road
 from Job Pease Store to Paughams Bridge
 also the road near Thomas Pease and act any thing

Town Meeting May 10th 1832 Continued

thereon the Town may see cause
 And you are directed to have this warrant enclosed
 form as the law requires. Hereof fail not and make
 return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the
 Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid
 Given under our hands at Middleborough this thirtieth
 day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty two

Carroll Robinson }
 Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
 Chas. South }
 Speller Haskins }
 Asa T. Winslow } Middleborough

Plymouth Co. By virtue of the within warrant I have
 notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
 to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town House by
 posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said Town
 as within directed

William Allen Constable

Voted and Chosen William H. Wood Esq. Moderator by unanimous
 Voted to choose a committee to appear before the County Commis-
 sioners to oppose the petition of John Edley and others.

Voted that the Committee consist of three and made Chas.
 of Peter H. Pease, Schabert F. Howard and Nathan May
 Voted that the same Committee appear before the County
 Commissioners on the Petition of Benjamin F. Thomas and
 others with instructions to oppose said petition

Voted that the same Committee appear before the
 County Commissioners to oppose the petition of William
 S. Pease and others

Like H. Pease declined serving as one of the Committee
 on the petition of John Edley and others and
 William H. Wood Esq. was chosen in his stead

Voted that the Chairman of the Selectmen be authorized to appear
 before the County Commissioners in relation to the 19th Article
 in the warrant with instructions to oppose the County
 Commissioners causing the roads to be built

Town Meeting May 12th 1852 Continued

which are named in said Article

✓ Voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to enlarge the School House lot in School District No. 3

Voted that this meeting be adjourned

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment from April 6th 1852 held May 10th 1852

Voted to choose a Committee to meet in conference with the Ferry Commission

✓ Voted that the Committee consist of three and made Chas. J. Gammat, Remondelle Selvanus Thayer and Albert Thomas

Voted that the Assessors be authorized to present all persons for unlawful fishing down Baunton River

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 12th 1852

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth Co. To the Officers of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify & warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the fourth day of June instant at two of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Article viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will accept the report of their Selectmen

Enlarging the School House lot in School District No. 3 and act any thing they may see cause in relation to said report

3rd To see what action the Town will take in relation to the petitions of Chas. Wick and others and Josiah Perkins and others praying that certain roads may be widened and straightened &c and act any thing they may see cause in relation to said petitions

Town Meeting June 12th 1852 Continued

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form as the law requires. Therefore not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to our Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hand at Middleborough this third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty two

Conitt Robinson

Jonathan Cobb

Chs South

Spencer Ashburn

Edw L. Thayer

Selectmen

Middleborough

Plymouth Co June 12th 1852 By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town House in said Town by picking up Notices at the several Meeting Houses instead of as within directed

William Allen Constable

Voted and chosen Gammat Remondelle & Thayer by nomination to be that Seth Miller & Co. be allowed to speak as an attorney for William Davis in relation to enlarging the School House lot in District No. 3.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to enlarging the School House lot in District No. 3 which report is as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth Co.

In the petition of School District No. 3 in Middleborough in said County requesting the Selectmen of said Middleborough to enlarge their school house lot in said District according to Law because they could not purchase the land adjoining said lot of the owner William Davis who refused to sell the same

The undersigned Selectmen of Middleborough being first approbated by said Town pursuant to a vote for that purpose duly served on said William Davis that at the School House in said School District No. 3 on Monday the twenty fourth day of May A.D. 1852 at 2 o'clock P.M. and by serving the premises and having all persons interested in said petition who wished

Town Meeting June 14th 1852 Continued

to be hence thence. It is considered adjuged and determined that the property of said school house be enlarged to contain a school house lot and lay out the same which is bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at the South west corner of said School House lot thence South sixty seven degrees West four rods & two links to a stake & stones thence South sixty seven degrees East six rods to a stake & stones thence South sixty eight degrees East six rods to a stake & stones by the side of the road. Thence North twenty degrees West three rods and two links by said road to the corner of said school house lot. Thence in the line of said school house lot South eighty four degrees West one rod & twenty one links to a turn thence South twenty two degrees West five rods and eleven links to the boundary of maintenance containing about thirty and one half rods.

The owner of the land taken to enlarge said school house lot is allowed one month from the first day of July 1852 to take of his wood timber trees and ferns from the same. The damage sustained by the person whose land is taken to enlarge said school house lot is estimated and allowed as follows to wit. To William Daves forty dollars & no. 00 which said enlargement is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded shall forever be known as a part of the school house lot in District No. 3. approved

Orville Robinson
Jonathan Cobb
Chas Smith
Abm E. Preshaw
Apples Buckner

Said report was filed June 28th 1852

by Cushman Clerk

Voted to choose a committee of three to appear before the County Commissioners on the petition of Charles Mott and to act for the interest of the Town
Voted and made chosen of Solomon Smith, Earl Spratt and Gamaliel Rounselle for said Committee

Town Meeting June 14th 1852 Continued

Voted that the same Committee appear before the County Commissioners on the petition of Josiah Perkins and others with like instructions and with further instructions to oppose any new location

Voted that the same Committee appear before the County Commissioners on the petition of Albert G. Pratt and others with instructions to act for the interest of the Town

Voted that the meeting be adjourned

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment from May 10th 1852 held June 14th 1852

William A Wood by Minutes having presented the minutes gave Collet to order and the following business transacted was Voted to accept the report of the selectmen in relation to the long point road which report is on file

Voted that the road report be accepted

Voted to choose a committee of one to examine the account named in the report and make chosen of Jonathan Cobb

Voted to add two to the above Committee and make chosen of Jos B. Nelson and Nathan Shumway

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to examine the road laid out on the petition of Samuel Cushman and others which report is on file

Voted to choose a committee of two to examine the money recommended to be laid out on said road in the above report and make chosen of Earl Spratt and Sam Cushman
Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at two o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

22
 Town Meeting August 30th 1852

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Plymouth Co. to either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough
 being in the County aforesaid
 In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby
 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town
 qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town
 in said Town on the thirtieth day of August present at three
 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to
 wit: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
 To see if the Town will cause School District No. 26 to be
 divided so that the following persons with their poll tax
 may be set off and form a new School District in said
 Town viz. John Montgomery Martin L. Canale William H.
 Hopkins Calvin Chapman Elkanah Williams John H.
 and that the remainder of said District be annexed to
 some other District or Districts in said Town or that a
 committee be appointed to act thereon to define the limits
 of said new District and establish the same or that there
 be taken that a new School District may be formed out
 of School District No. 26 and act anything thereon the Town
 may see cause in reference to said School District No. 26 and
 to the petition of John Montgomery and others
 To see if the Town will oppose the petition of Harrison
 Staples & others to the County Commissioners for a location
 of a new Road in said Town & and to act anything in
 relation to said petition the Town may see cause
 And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due form with
 two copies. And if fail not and make return of this
 warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or
 before the time of meeting as aforesaid
 Given under our hands at Middleborough this second
 day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty two

Ernest Robinson }
 Jonathan Cobb }
 Apollon Huskins } Middleborough

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 Town Meeting August 30th Continued

Plymouth Co. August 27th 1852 By virtue of the within warrant
 I have received the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town House
 in said Town as within directed by posting up notices at
 the several Meeting Houses in said Town

Motion Made & carried to the
 voted and made choice of Nathan Ring Esq. Moderator
 voted to choose a committee of three to investigate the affairs
 of School District No. 26 and report what ought to be done in
 relation to a division of said District at the next Town Meeting
 voted and made choice of Gamaliel Housman
 Luther Washburn & Carl Sprout for said committee
 voted to choose a committee of one to appear before the County
 Commissioners on the petition of Harrison Staples and others
 and act for the interest of the Town
 voted and made choice of Gamaliel Housman for
 said committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for four weeks
 from this day at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

August 30th 1852

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from June 10th 1852
 William H. Wood Esq. Moderator being absent

Voted by ballot and made choice of Nathan Ring Esq.
 Moderator pro tem and in business coming before the meeting
 voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town
 Meeting in this place at half past 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

223
Town Meeting by adjournment from Aug 29/52

This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment Sept 27th 1852 Nathan Perry Esq Moderator being present. The Committee chosen for the purpose of investigating the affairs of School District No 26 made a Report in relation thereto which Report was by vote accepted and the same is on file.

Voted to refer the whole matter of the 2d School in the ward to a committee of five to Report at a future meeting. Voted that the committee be chosen by nomination. Voted to reconsider the above vote when the committee report. Voted that the moderator nominate a committee of three to nominate a committee of five to attend to the school and the moderator Report the following persons viz

William A Wood Esq, Capt Jonathan Cobb, and Capt Charles White which committee report the following names and they were chosen viz

Nathan Perry Esq, Stillman Benson Esq, Andrew S Alden, Shishu S. Clark & Otis Soule

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town meeting in this place at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from Aug 29th 1852 William A Wood Esq Moderator being present.

Voted to take up the 16th Article in the covenant.

Voted that the Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Charles White and others be accepted.

Voted that said report be adopted and a plan on file.

Town of Middleborough

Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Charles White and others.

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Middleborough have discontinued the Road leading from the Sitcart to near the house of Andrew S Alden to the road recently made at Alden Bridge. And we agreed with Andrew S Alden the only person sustaining injury for his damage as follows: to the said Andrew Fifty three dollars to be paid by the Town of Middleborough on the first day of November next.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting by adjournment continue

and the said Andrew released all the damages for discontinuing said road. Which said continuance is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded said road shall forever cease to be known as a public Town way.

Called at Middleborough this Twenty seventh day of September in the year 1852

Otis Soule

Everett Robinson

Apollon Haskins

Jonathan Cobb

Amos J. Winslow

Selectmen

of

Middleborough

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to deal with the Treasurer and the same is on file.

Voted to raise the sum of \$500 dollars by tax the present year for the current expenses of the Town.

Voted that the Taxes be apportioned and the Tax Bills be committed to the Collector on the 5th day of November next.

Voted that a deduction of 10 per cent shall be made on all taxes paid within 60 days from the commitment of said bills. And 5 per cent on all paid within 90 days and the 5 per cent on all paid within 120 days from said commitment.

Voted that the Collector issue his summonses on the first day of April next and have 20 cents each summons.

Voted to reconsider the vote when it was voted that the Tax Bills be committed to the Collector on the 5th day of November.

Voted that the Tax Bills be committed to the Collector on or before the first day of November next.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

22
Town Meeting Nov 2 1852 for President & Vice Pres

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Tuesday the 2 day of Nov: 1852 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Ethen of the Constable of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the second day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon there & then to bring in their votes for electors for thirteen electors of President and Vice Pres of the United States to wit. Two at large and one for each Congressional district into which this Commonwealth is divided all to be voted for on one ballot And you are further required by the authority aforesaid to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs that at the same place on the same day they are to act on the following articles to wit

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will pay a reward of \$1000 the damages done by his horse caused by a large stone being placed on the road by Frederick Sweeney near the house of Charles Southam and act any thing in relation same matter the Town may see cause

3rd To see if the Town will pay a reward of \$1000 the damages done by his horse caused by a stick being dug up the road by Fred Southam or by his rider near the house of Fred & Washburn and act any thing they may see cause in relation to said damages

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due season as the law requires And if fail not and make due return of this

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And that with you doing therein to the satisfaction of the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this 21st day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Wm. Adams

Jonathan Cobb

Asa J. Winslow

Chas. Southam

Asa J. Winslow

Whereof for October 30th 1852 the return of the Constable I have not given the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in the Town & Town affairs to meet at their Town House in said Town on Tuesday the second day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon there & then to bring in their votes for electors for thirteen electors of President and Vice Pres of the United States to wit. Two at large and one for each Congressional district into which this Commonwealth is divided all to be voted for on one ballot

Attest

There presented to vote for electors of President & Vice President and the whole number of ballots was Six hundred and forty six

Democrat Ticket whole number of ballots was 353

For electors at large

Charles L. Green had 353 votes

James L. Whitney 353

For District electors

District No 1 Asa J. Winslow had 353 votes

2 Edward Carver had 353

3 Asa J. Winslow 353

4 Isaac Adams 353

5 Benjamin Abbott 353

6 Jonathan Sisson 353

7 Eben H. Dufford 353

8 Walter Sisson 353

9 J. C. Knowlton 353

10 C. P. Ingraham 353

11 Jonathan C. Field 353

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May the whole number of Ballots was 219

Chosen Sarge

Robert C. Winthrop had 220 votes

George Blip " 220 "

District Electors

District No. 1 / H. W. Page had 219 votes

1. George Crocker " 219 "

2. John Gardiner " 219 "

3. Anna Lawrence " 219 "

4. Robert G. Shaw " 219 "

5. Samuel C. Bates " 219 "

6. George Cogswell " 219 "

7. Jacob Cogswell " 219 "

8. Charles Perry " 219 "

9. H. J. Bullard " 219 "

10. Charles A. Cole " 219 "

Free Democratic Ticket whole number of Ballots was 93

For Elector at Large

Stephen C. Phillips had 93 votes

James Fowler " 93 "

For District Electors

District No. 1 John H. Shaw had 93 votes

2. William H. Wood " 93 "

3. Edmund S. Hayes " 93 "

4. Timothy Gilbert " 93 "

5. John G. Putney " 93 "

6. John G. Whittier " 93 "

7. Samuel C. Bates " 93 "

8. John W. Graves " 93 "

9. Charles Mason " 93 "

10. Adolphus B. Hubbard " 93 "

11. Joel Haydon " 93 "

Another meeting came up under the same name decided and made choice of Nathan May Esq. Clerk. Peter to open the 2^d Article a committee of three

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to investigate the whole subject and report at the next meeting. (Nathan May Esq. Clerk. George H. Wood Esq. Secretary. Nathan May Esq. Clerk.)

Noted that the 2^d Article be referred to the same committee with the like instructions.

Noted that this meeting be adjourned to the next meeting in this place at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest George H. Wood Esq. Clerk.

Same Meeting by Adjournment from Sept. 27th 1832

This meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment

Nov. 2nd 1832. Nathan May Esq. Moderator being present

and no business coming before this meeting it was

Noted that this meeting be adjourned to the next meeting in this place at half past 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest George H. Wood Esq. Clerk.

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment from Sept. 27th 1832

William H. Wood Esq. Moderator being present

Noted by ballot vote made choice of Nathan May Esq. Clerk.

Noted that this meeting be adjourned to the next meeting in this place at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest George H. Wood Esq. Clerk.

Cuculus Martini, Nov. 8th 1852

The inhabitants of the town of Middlebury, being duly assembled in a public meeting on Monday Nov. 9. 1841, present to a Messrs. Rufus Hunt and Nathaniel of whom the following is a true copy, viz.

A letter of the Constables of the Town of
Middlebury to the
Hon. the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Middlebury to qualify to vote in Election
to meet at the Town House in said Town on Wednesday
the Eighth day of November next at being the second
Monday of March at ten O'clock in the forenoon
to act on the following articles

1st To determine the number of 6 permutations, select three
with & have the present year

to be held in their votes to the selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and Senators for the District of Plymouth and for one more Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next also for one Representative to represent the second Congressional District in the next Congress of the United States of America. And also for one Representative to represent the Congressional District lately named within in the Congress of the United States to be held on the second day of the month of May next for one year from the day of March A.D. 1851 a return having been made to the Clerk of this Court all on one ballot and to be deposited in the ballot box in one sealed envelope. And also at the same time to give their votes by ballot on this question. Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of the Government of this Commonwealth?

Polls to be open from 10 minutes past 10 O'clock
to 2 O'clock P.M. There will be provided for the
reception of votes. And you are required & directed to

Governors Meeting Continued

Save this receipt in due form and return as the
law requires

Hereby request and make due return of this warrant
with your dues therein to ourselves at the time and ^{place} next of
meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in
the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Opuscoli Librarii

Jonathan Cobb

Cher Louis

Apollonius

Isaac H. Kimball

School 110000.

Niedelbach

My dear Sir, I have the honor to receive the
notice of the Substantive of the Commission of the
Qualification to be established by putting up notice to
the several Military Warrants, & am in a situation
to have them made.

voted to send two Representatives to Congress during the present year.

the most influential persons there, for business
Unionist, German, American, Representatives to France,
and American Representatives to Congress to fill the vacancy
caused by the death of Crémieux and other Representatives
to the next Congress of the United States. To be given in their
power on the following questions: 1st, to propose that Congress
should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of re-
organizing the constitution of Government of this business, rather
the whole sentiment of hostility for Germany was. 817

Anna H. Bishop June 355

John H. Clifford 293

Louise Mann 16

David Henshaw

Whole number of bullets for Sauter at Garmisch was 747

James P. Thompson Sent 204

Oliver Huntington 1876

Amasa Walker

Brachyura S. Huls

Rich Carter

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Governor's Meeting Continued

Whole number of letters for Senators was 771

Amos C. Johnson had 2311

Col. H. Bond 230

James Kimball 272

Leather St. Johnson 271

John A. Russell 27

Joseph Thompson 25

Whole number of letters for Representatives in 22 Congress

to fall vacancy was 785

Amos C. Johnson had 271

Christopher A. Church 253

Edward S. Little 278

Whole number of letters for Representatives in 22 Congress

of the Executive States was 722

Amos C. Johnson had 271

Charles A. Weston 127

Joseph A. Sibley 262

William H. Thompson 11

Whole number of letters for Representatives to

General Court was 773

Nathan P. Bond 259

Joseph C. Bond 161

Edward G. Perkins 218

James Smith 233

Edw. Smith 161

Abner C. Parsons 208

Spencer Benson 97

Joseph H. Shaw 87

William H. Thompson 29

Samuel Smith 1

Frank C. Perkins 1

Leander Adams 1

Edward C. Parsons 1

Oliver Carter 1

Vote in relation to calling a convention years 1837 days 292

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting by Adjournment from Nov 2 1832

This meeting came to an end Nov 2nd 1832 adjourned to
Adjournment from Nov 2 to Nov 3rd 1832 by the meeting
present and no business coming before the meeting
resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town
Meeting in this place at two o'clock P.M.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting by Adjournment from Nov 2 1832

This meeting came to an end Nov 2nd 1832 adjourned to
Adjournment from Nov 2 to Nov 3rd 1832 by the meeting
present and no business coming before the meeting
resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next
Town Meeting in this place at half past 2 o'clock
P.M.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting by Adjournment from Nov 2 1832

William H. Thompson being absent voted by letter
and made known of Nathan P. Bond by the meeting
and no business coming before the meeting resolved
to adjourn to the next Town Meeting in this place at
3 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 22 1852 for Representations

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in their annual meeting on Monday Nov 22 1852 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, which the following is a true copy of.

Attest of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury.

Meeting

In the evening of the commencement of November the year now being the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in their annual meeting at the Town House in said town on Monday the 22nd day of November present it being the fourth month of said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon have on the following articles to wit

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose the present year.

2^d To bring in their votes to the selectmen for one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next as published for by General Townsends notice.

3^d To be open from 10 minutes of 10 o'clock A.M. to 1 o'clock P.M.

And now we adjourn to meet to see that our warrant is duly served and return as the law requires. And if not to make due return of the warrant with our return as thereon to be made at the same and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Ernest Robinson

Jonathan Cobb

Oliver Smith

Frederick Perkins

John H. Minchey

of Middlebury

Whereas the Town of Middlebury is a part of the western Vermont and the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in their annual meeting at the Town House in said town on Monday the 22nd day of November present it being the fourth month of said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon have on the following articles to wit

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose the present year.

Town Meeting of Nov 22 1852 Continued

Voted to send two Representatives to General Court the next Winter.

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Representatives to General Court as follows to wit

Whole number of votes 541

Nathan King 285 1/2

Levi Smith 173

Frederick Perkins 8

John Bryant 24

Ernest Robinson 248

Richard S. Rogers 275

Edward C. Perkins 45

John C. Perkins 113

Levi Smith 14

John H. Smith 2

John H. Smith 2

Joseph S. Wood 1

John C. Perkins 1

John C. Perkins 1

John C. Perkins 1

John C. Perkins 1

John C. Perkins 1

John C. Perkins 1

Voted that this meeting be adjourned.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk.

Town Meeting of August 30 1853 by adjournment from

Nov 22 1852. This meeting was taken up with the

Nov 22 1852. The Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in their annual meeting at the Town House in said town on Monday the 22nd day of November present it being the fourth month of said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon have on the following articles to wit

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose the present year.

2^d To bring in their votes to the selectmen for one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next as published for by General Townsends notice.

3^d To be open from 10 minutes of 10 o'clock A.M. to 1 o'clock P.M.

And now we adjourn to meet to see that our warrant is duly served and return as the law requires. And if not to make due return of the warrant with our return as thereon to be made at the same and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Ernest Robinson

Jonathan Cobb

Oliver Smith

Frederick Perkins

John H. Minchey

of Middlebury

Lower Meeting Dec 15th 1852 Continued

Col. Lee was from pond. He was with me to a late
 Col. Lee was the House of David. He was with me
 west to a stone set in the ground by the side of the
 Island west near Thompson's Brook. Hence south
 westerly on the line between the town of Southbury
 Middlebury to the house first mentioned. Then
 out the substitute within. Then west to the within of
 bounds except the Pitt and Estate of Agent Thresh
 land to act any thing in relation to the bounds of
 said District. The same may be said. And as to the
 put in on the petition of John Montgomery & others
 And you are required and directed to save this town
 in this town and name as the law requires.

And I do not want to be the return of this town
 with your things. Hence to ourselves at the time
 and place of said meeting. Given under my
 hand this first day of December in the year
 thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Conrad Johnson

Chas. Lee

Jonathan Bell

Wm. S. Winslow

Abner Ashkin

John Lee

of

Middlebury

The following are the names of persons who were
 at many or fifty votes at the meeting on the 15th
 of December but each had the number of votes
 against his name viz

Robert Lee	1	Robert Lee	2
Samuel Lee	1531	Samuel Lee	5362
Christopher Lee	3920	Christopher Lee	5905
Edward S. Lee	3121	Edward S. Lee	2991
Jacob Lee	75	Jacob Lee	292
		William H. Lee	29
		John H. Lee	29

Given at the first of the within named town. Signed by the
 qualified to be in elections by order of the selectmen at the annual meeting
 on the 15th of December 1852. Attest
 Wm. Allen Constable

Lower Meeting Dec 15th 1852 Continued

Then proceeded to vote by ballot for Representative to Congress
 and the whole number of votes was
 to appear for 1st Congress District viz

Joseph H. Lee	178
Edward S. Lee	147
John Lee	16
to appear for 2nd Congress District viz	
Samuel S. Lee	174
Christopher Lee	165
Abner H. Lee	35
Wm. Lee	16

Another meeting was held under the same warrant
 in relation to settling the bounds of said District
 and much more of the same kind by
 agreement

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next
 annual meeting at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Lower Meeting of Dec 20th 1852 by adjournment from
 Dec 15th 1852. This meeting was held by adjournment to
 adjournment Dec 20th 1852. And no business coming before
 the meeting voted to adjourn to the next annual
 annual meeting at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Annual Meeting of Dec 20th 1852 by adjournment from
 December 15th 1852. William H. Lee was elected
 agent voted by ballot and sent to the
 Henry by the district for the meeting was held
 up pursuant to adjournment Dec 15th 1852 and no
 business coming before the meeting
 voted to adjourn to the next annual meeting at this
 place

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting and Meeting for Choice of Delegates 1852

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 7th 1852 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of the following is a true copy to wit

To wit of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next it being the first Monday of said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles

1st To determine the number of delegates said Town will choose to meet in convention for the purpose of reviewing and amending the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth

2^d To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one or more Delegates to meet Delegates from other Towns and Citizens in Convention in the State House in Boston on the first Monday of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three for the purpose set forth by an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed on the seventh day of May A.D. 1852

An act relating to calling a convention of Delegates of the people for the purpose of reviewing the Constitution will be to be voted for on one ballot. Polls to be open from 10 minutes past 10 o'clock A.M. to 1 o'clock P.M.

And you are further required by the law aforesaid to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs that at the same place and on the same day they are to act on the following articles to wit

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2^d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year commencing

3^d To see if this Town will delegate to the several School Districts the power to elect prudential School Committees for their respective districts and act thereon

4th To see if this Town will authorize their prudential School Committee to contract with Teachers for their respective Districts the present year and to act thereon

March Meeting Continued

5th To choose a board of Assessors to examine claims against the Town and order payment thereof and to act thereon

6th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and bridges the present year and to act thereon

7th To raise such sums of money as they may think necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town the present year and appropriate the same as they shall think proper to direct when to be raised here paid and collected and act any thing thereon which they may see cause

8th To allow accounts against the Town and act thereon

9th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the Town the state of the Treasury and also an estimate of the same necessary to be raised by tax the present year and to act thereon

10th To see if they will pay their Treasurer and collector for his services the last year and act thereon

11th To choose some person to take care of the Town House

12th To dispose of the Town's privilege of taking Herring at the several fishing places in said Town the present year either some previous and to act upon in relation to the sale or disposal of the same as they shall see cause

13th To see if they will authorize their Treasurer to represent them in the meetings of all said said Corporations in which the Town is interested and to act thereon

14th To hear the report of the Selectmen with regard to the widening straightening or new locating of any highway and to act thereon

15th To hear the report of any Town Officer Agent or Commissioner and to act thereon

16th To see if the Town will unite with other Towns to support and be assessing to the petition of William & Gents & others and to act any thing in relation to said petition the Town may see cause

17th To bring in their votes for a new Town Treasurer

18th To see if the Town will authorize the Town's prudential bridge to called meeting to the petition of Abraham Beckers and others and to act any thing in relation to said petition the Town may see cause

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And you are directed to see this warrant by publication thereof in the several meeting houses in said town in due form and season as the law requires. Have fail not and make returns of this warrant with your doings therein to our clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Everett Robinson	} Selectmen
Jonathan Ellis	
Chas. Smith	
Lydia Ashmun	
Isa. J. Winslow	} Middlebury

My month for March 5 1853. In virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middlebury qualified to vote in elections & town affairs to meet at their town house on 5 o'clock by posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said town as within directed.

William Allen Constable

Noted to send two Delegates to attend the convention to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday of May next. The whole number of ballots given in for Delegates was 305. Ballot in envelope 89 without envelope 216.

William A. Wood had 248 votes in envelope 57 without is 205.

Frank C. Perkins had 219 votes in envelope 23 without is 73.

Benjamin B. Ellis had 39 votes in envelope 85 without is 146.

Nathan King had 118 votes in envelope 86 without is 100.

Isabella Pratt had 1 vote in envelope is 1.

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Then proceeded to the consideration of the March Meeting Warrant & saw the following persons were chosen into office for the ensuing year.

Vote by ballot and made choice of William A. Wood for Moderator.

Vote by ballot and made choice of George Robinson for Clerk.

Vote by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Selectmen.

Everett Robinson	Isa. J. Winslow
Jonathan Ellis	Chas. Smith
Lydia Ashmun	

Vote to choose four persons for Assessors.

Vote by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Assessors.

William A. Wood	Isa. J. Winslow
Edward C. Perkins	Chas. Smith
Isa. J. Winslow	

Vote to choose three persons for the Poor.

Vote by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Overseers of the Poor.

Benjamin B. Ellis	Isabella Pratt
Lydia Ashmun	

Vote to choose a free Constable. Noted to choose two assessors.

Vote by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Assessors.

William A. Wood	Jonathan Ellis
Lydia Ashmun	Isa. J. Winslow
Isabella Pratt	

Vote to choose three persons for the Poor.

Vote by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Overseers of the Poor.

Benjamin B. Ellis	Isabella Pratt
Lydia Ashmun	

March Meeting Continued

18th Feb. Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 18th Article
 Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the
 Sumner's Bridge and report at the next Town
 Meeting and made choice of Andrew L. Allen
 Zebulon H. Pratt & Stillman Benson for the same
 Voted that said committee be instructed to estimate the
 expense of repairing the Sumner's Bridge and report
 the same

19th Feb. Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 18th Article
 Voted to discontinue the meetings the same as last year
 Voted to choose an agent to manage the meetings
 and made choice of Albert Thomas for the same
 Voted that said agent be instructed to make
 a report of his doings at the next Town Meeting

20th Feb. Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 5th Article
 Voted that the several School Districts in Town be
 to choose their own prudential Committee

21st Feb. Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 16th Article
 Voted that School Districts No. 1 and 10 be united
 then proceeded to the choice of Town Officers

Surgeon of Highways
 Andrew C. Ward
 John Pratt
 Stephen Bates
 Lucius Thomas
 George H. Thompson
 Oler H. Anthony
 Andrew Weston
 Charles Addison
 Henry Schilling
 Jeremiah Cady
 Thomas Sprague
 Charles Samson
 David Emerson
 William Andrews
 Carl S. Hobbie
 Albert M. Thompson

David Smith
 Leonard Howard
 Aaron Pierce
 Solomon L. Howland
 Edmund Thompson
 Edward M. Cook
 Leonard Richmond
 Samuel Cushman
 Ebenezer Ellis
 Seth J. Thomas
 David Ward
 Ebenezer C. Shaw
 Oler Soule
 Clark Wood
 Horatio A. Thomas
 Henry M. Smith

& Foreman

March Meeting Continued

Jason Wilbur Jr.	Albert Thomas	Joseph I. Wood
Sidney Tucker		John C. Perkins
Cephus Shaw		Edward Richmond
Jeremiah W. Cook		William C. Buns
Perus Snow		Henry A. Swift
Ozra W. Cutty		John Haines
Abel Washburn		Yallah Perkins
Nathaniel Caswell	John Beebe	Samuel I. Wood
Jonathan H. Perkins		Charles Stephens
Allen C. Bishop		John Davis
Samuel Lewis		Amasa Thompson
Hamson G. Gibbs		Dylan Pierce

Voted that the Surgeon of Highways be instructed to
 clear all obstructions from the Highways
Since Wayman
George W. Wood Joseph I. Barden Ozra Chase

Assessors & Inspectors
 Sidney Tucker
 Ozra Chase
 Arthur Simmons
 Ebenezer Vaughan

Samuel Bonnell
 Charles Sampson
 Charles Soule
 Albert Thomas

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first
 Monday in April next at one o'clock P.M.
 Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Meeting of Dec 15th 1852 was taken up pursuant
 to adjournment. March 2d 1853 and no business coming
 before the meeting voted that this meeting be adjourned
 to the first Monday in April next at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 14th 1853

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday April 14th 1853 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, which the following is a true copy viz.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at being the first Monday of the month at one o'clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes on one ballot to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners for the County of Plymouth being all inhabitants of different Towns in said County.

And you are further directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town aforesaid qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same place on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting.
2^d To appoint a committee to see if the Town will set off Sarnat Hill the Martin Smith and Benjamin Thomas with their Poles and Wood Estates from School Dist. 1 & 12 in P. Middleborough and annex them to School District 1 & 13 and act on any thing in relation thereto the Town may see cause.

3^d To see if the Town will select the Selectmen or the agent appointed by them for the sale of Spiritous Liquors to make a report at a future meeting of the citizens. Said agent and to act on any thing thereon according to the petition of Charles Pierce & others.

4th To see what the Town will do in regard to building a road as laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of Charles White and others also to see if the Town will build a stone bridge over the Samaskeet River near the Town of formerly Buckenham and act on any thing thereon.

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To the petition of Luther Mumford and others
5th To see what the Town will do in relation to building or repairing the roads widened and straightened by the County Commissioners on the petitions of Albert G. Pratt & others and Jeremiah Edley & others and act on any thing thereon the Town may see cause.

6th To see if the Town will pay Charles Sampson for the damage done him on account of a tree standing in the road near the dwelling house of Richard Thompson and act on any thing in relation to said damage the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to have the warrant by putting notices thereof in the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due form and to warn as the law requires. And you are to make returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk at the time & place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Orwell Robinson }
Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
Chas. Smith }
Asa J. Washburn }
Andrew Harkins } Med. & Lib. Secy.

Plymouth ss. March 27th 1853 By virtue of the warrant thereunto directed the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections & Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town as the law directs.

Luther Allen Constable

The said inhabitants gave in their votes to the Selectmen for County Commissioners and Special Commissioners and the whole number of ballots was 177

County Commissioners	See last of Middleborough	176 votes
Special Commissioners	Amos Hunt of Abington	176 "
	John Leach of Barnstable	104 "
	Charles Perkins of Middleborough	7 "
	Theophilus Perry of Middleborough	1 "

Seven Meeting of April 14th Continued

Special Commisary

Harshen Bryant of Pembroke had 105
 John M. Sabin of Middleborough " 99
 Edward Southworth of N. Bridgewater " 72
 Theophilus King of Norbury " 72
 William S. Sathum of Bridgewater " 1

Attest George Pickens Seven Clerk

April Meeting of April 14th Continued

- ✓ Voted and made choice of Hon. Wm. A. Wood Moderator
- ✓ Voted that the petition of Samuel P. Ketch and others set forth in the 2nd Article be granted
- ✓ Voted to choose a Committee to build a stone bridge over the N. Market River near the House of James G. Cushman and to put the same in order
- ✓ Voted that said Committee consist of three and made choice of Stillman Benson, Silvanus Hinkley and George W. Wood
- ✓ Voted that the Agent for selling Spentons liquor be instructed to make a report at the end of the year to the Town of the quantity of Spentons liquor he has sold the amount paid for the same and to whom sold and for what price and how much he is to receive for his services
- ✓ Voted that one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of Nathan Hollingsworth to be expended on the road ordered on the petition of Albert G. Ball and others
- ✓ Voted that fifty dollars be placed in the hands of Isaac Thompson to be expended on the road ordered on the petition of Benjamin Edley and others
- ✓ Voted that the said Agents be instructed to report there doing at the first Town Meeting after the first of June
- ✓ Voted to choose a Committee to settle with Charles Sampson for the damage done him on account of the standing in the road near the House of Richard Sampson
- ✓ Voted that this Committee consist of one and made choice of Capt. Nathaniel Staples
- ✓ Voted that the Agent for selling Spentons liquor cause one thousand copies of his report to be printed

Seven Meeting of April 14th Continued

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and placed in some convenient place for distribution
 Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest George Pickens Seven Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 7th 1855 by Adjournment

This meeting was taken up April 14th 1855 pursuant to adjournment
 Hon. Wm. A. Wood Moderator being present the following were present
 Voted to choose two additional Constables
 Voted by ballot and made choice of Samuel G. Benson and Selas P. Sibley
 Voted to choose the following persons from among as surveyors of highways in seven townships for March 1855 and Nathan and Caswell

Seven Towns and Field Drivers

Ezra Shaw	Solomon Heywood
Schubert Thompson	Albert Thomas
Joseph Burroughs	Calvin Allen
Earl Allen	Charles H. Staples
Joseph Clark	Petham C. Giddis
Nathaniel Caswell Jr.	Had C. Giddis
C. R. Smith	Isa. Cushman
Edmund Adams	James Hudson
James Hickney	Abner Pickens
William C. Edley	John G. Langham
William J. West	Zetaher Leonard
Earl Sprunt	Seth Miller
Allen North	Charles Phillips
Nathan Smith	Amos C. Barrows
Stephen Allen	John C. Reed
Charles Tuckman	

Surveyors of Towns

Stillman Anderson	Amos C. Barrows	George Cox
Isidore Bates	David Smith	Carl Lewis
Isaac Adams	David L. Giddis	James Miller
Qua. Weston	William Bates	Capt. Jacob Cushman
John A. Warren	Stillman Benson	

Attest George Pickens
 Seven Clerk

Annual March Meeting Continued by adjournment

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Carver S. Wood	Joshua Buckner
Saml Smith	Milton Alden
Amasa Lamb	Chambers Shaw
Andrew M Eaton	Thomas S Pierce
Thomas Sayell	Carl Sears
Garnet S. Wood	Mellman Benson
William H. Vaughan	Cyrus Buckner
Andrew L. Wilson	Vernon Snow
Elisha Pierce	Lucius Atwood
Seth J. Shurtliff &	George W. Wood

Committee to settle with the Treasurer

P. H. Pierce Silas Pickens Nathan King

Resolved by ballot and made choice of George Pickens Treasurer

Resolved by nomination and made choice of George Pickens Treasurer

Resolved to accept the report of the Committee to examine the

Township bridge which report was filed

Resolved to choose a Committee of three to build a stone

bridge at the Township and made choice of Andrew L.

Wilson Mellman Benson & George Wood

Resolved to proceed to the consideration of 12th Article

Resolved that the President School Committee be authorized

to contract with Teachers

Resolved to proceed to the consideration of the 7th Article

Resolved to appropriate 1000 dollars for the support of school

the ensuing year

Resolved that the School money be divided the same as last year

Resolved to proceed to the consideration of the 6th Article

Resolved to appropriate 3000 dollars for the support of the highway

and design the present year

Resolved that the same be allowed for labour and material as

last year

Resolved to proceed to the consideration of the 10th Article

Resolved to pay over Collected and Treasurer Seventy five Dollars

has received the last year

Resolved that Thomas Thorman have the care of the Town

and also that he be paid therefor the ensuing year

Annual March Meeting by adjournment Continued

Resolved to choose two Messengers to deliver addresses to the

Assembly and made choice of the same

Resolved the Messengers be instructed to present all

violations of the Township laws

Resolved and made choice of Silas Pickens Clerk

Resolved and made choice of Carvers & that each of

ought to and measure

Resolved to proceed to the consideration of the 15th Article

Resolved to accept the Report of Samuel Buckman which report

is on file

Resolved to appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended on

the road nearest to the petition of Samuel Buckman and

others and that the same be put into the hands of a person

committee for repairing same road (which committee consist

of Carl Spear and Samuel Buckman)

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town

meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Adjoin Meeting of Dec 15th 1852 by adjournment from March 1853

This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

Nathan King by Moderator being absent

Resolved and made choice of Hon. H. Wood Moderator

pro tem

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the same

Monday in Nov next

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 25th 1853 for the County of Middlebury

My mouth is to either of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty-fifth day of April instant at 10 o'clock in the afternoon there and there to bring in their votes to the selectmen for one County and one Special Commissioner as there are only two County and one Special Commissioner chosen on the first Monday of April next all in one ballot. A complete list of the names of all the persons who on the first Monday of April 1853 were more than twenty years of age and were not in the

County Commissioners

Philo French 1088
Theophilus King 890
Joseph Chas. Bulfinch 827
Ebenezer Pickens 193
Special Commissioners
Nathan M. Lee 1000
William Southam 854
Sylvanus Smith 830
Theophilus King 209
Edward Southworth 200
Dexter C. Thompson 211

And you are further directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of said Middlebury to be in Town again to meet at the same place on the same day at ten o'clock in the afternoon to act in the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
2^d To see if the Town will establish the following bounds to the new school District No. 15 to wit
Beginning at a white oak tree marked by Saml. Williams thence North to a marked apple tree near the House of Ebenezer Crane thence South easterly to a marked

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White Oak tree by the west corner of the Winslow farm so called, thence North easterly to a marked white oak tree at the north corner of said Winslow farm thence Easterly to a marked horn beam tree near beach Island so called thence North easterly to a marked white oak tree standing at the East corner of John Montgomerys farm thence North easterly to a marked post tree marked oak tree near barn for a thence North west to a marked black oak tree near the House of Paul Staples thence South west to stone set in the ground by the side of Rhode Island road near Thompsons Dock thence South easterly in the line between the Towns of Tunten and Middlebury to the bound first mentioned to include all the inhabitants with their polls and estates within said bounds except the Polls and estate of Saml. Thompson and to act any thing in relation to the bounds of said District the Town may see cause. And as before was put in on the petition of John Montgomery & others

3^d To see what the Town will do in relation to building the road laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of William S. Rice & others and to act any thing thereon or any other road laid out & straightened by said Commissioners

4th And you are required and directed to see this warrant is in due form and season as the law requires And if not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Court at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Ernest Robinson
Otis Sule } Selectmen
Jonathan Bell }
Saml. W. Winslow } Middlebury
Andrew Haskins }

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Town Meeting of April 25th 1853 Continued

Resolved by April 25th 1853 by vote of this town meeting to have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middlebury by posting up notices at the Town Meeting House in & Town as well as directed

William Nelson Constable of Middlebury the said inhabitants gave in their votes for one County and one Special Commissioner viz

Whole number of ballots for Commissioner was 190

While Leach had 109 votes

Oliver Perkins " 81 "

Whole number of ballots for Special Commissioner was 109

Theophilus King had 80 votes

Nathan H. Tuttle " 106 "

William S. Latham " 2

William Carter " 2

Another meeting came up under the same account voted and made choice of Harmon Steple as Moderator voted that this meeting be adjourned

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from Sept 1st 1852 this meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment Wm H. Wood Esq. Moderator being absent voted by ballot and made choice of Otis Smith Moderator pro tem. Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 2d Article Voted to excuse Benjamin F. Hollister from serving as surveyor of highways

Surveyor Voted and made choice of Josiah Leonard Surveyor of highways

Voted and made choice of Levi Reed & Surveyor of highways

Surveyor Voted to choose to additional Surveyors Sargeant Voted and made choice of

Levi Clark Isaac W. Thompson Lemuel B. and John C. Perkins as Surveyors

Voted to choose to additional school drivers

Voted and made choice of Josiah W. Reed Charles H. Horn Peter & William Andrews as school drivers

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March Meeting by adjournment Continued

Voted that Treasurer be authorized to have money in anticipation of a tax not to exceed one thousand dollars to meet the expenses of the Town

Voted to have the Report of the Overseers of the Poor which Report was read accepted and the same is on file

Voted that the Report of the Overseers be published in the Farmington Gazette

Voted to have the Report of the Highway Agent which Report was read accepted and the same is on file

Voted that said Report be published in the Farmington Gazette

Voted to excuse Caroline A. Wood from serving as teacher of weight and measures

Voted and made choice of Thomas S. Brown as teacher of weight and measures

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 1 O'Clock P.M.

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting of April 1st 1853 by adjournment was taken up April 25th 1852 William H. Wood Esq. Moderator being absent chose Otis Smith as Moderator pro tem

Capt. Nathaniel Steple the Agent chosen at a former meeting to settle with Charles L. Brown for damages sustained in being thrown from his carriage meeting a horse which was by vote accepted

Voted to prepare the 10th Article in the warrant Voted that this meeting be adjourned

Attest George Perkins Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 6th 1853

My dear friends the selectmen of the town of Middlebury

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Middlebury qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the 6th day of June next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see if the town will reconsider the following vote passed at the annual March meeting by a unanimous vote on the 10th day of April last to wit: to appropriate three dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year. Voted to appropriate one dollar for the highways and bridges the present year. Voted that the school money be divided the same as last year. Voted that the same be allowed for labor and material as last year and to act on any thing in relation to said vote the town may see cause.

3. To see what the town will do in relation to annexing Thomas D. Lunkhous Martin T. Venters Luther C. Worcester Allen A. Lacey Hercules Dickson Eleazer Richmond & Leon and Richmond to School District No 22 or to some other District in said town with their Polls & Estates. Also to see if the town will annex Priscilla Wood & Sophonia Wood with their Estates & Thomas Wood, Edmund Thompson with their Polls & Estates and the Poor Farm to School District No 18 or to some other District in said town and to act on any thing thereon.

4. To see if the town will direct their auditors to set accounts against said town for clearing highways & snow the past winter and act on any thing in relation to said accounts the town may see cause.

5. To see if the town think it expedient to raise the sum of one hundred dollars more or less for the purpose of removing & repairing the school House in District No 17 said School District having refused to appropriate any

Town Meeting of June 6th Continued

sum for the purpose aforesaid of so to raise such sum in the town may see cause to be opened on the Polls & Estates of the inhabitants of said District and to act on any thing thereon the town may think proper in relation to raising any sum or sums as proposed in a warrant for a district meeting held in said District on March 25 A.D. 1853 according to the petition of Latham & Gibbs & others. To choose a Committee or Committees to settle the claims of this town with the town of Lakeville and to act on any thing the town may see cause in relation to any property held by said towns in common and to adjust all accounts & demands between said towns as the town may think proper and act on any thing thereon. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting notices thereof in the several meeting houses in said town in due form and manner as the law requires. Hereof post out and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Levi C. Johnson Moderator
Jonathan Cobb
Oliver Smith

My dear friends

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middlebury qualified to vote in town affairs by posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said town as within directed.

Milton Helen Constable

Voted and made chain of Milton Helen Constable Moderator to reconsider the vote wherein the town voted to appropriate three dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year. Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the town voted to appropriate one dollar for the repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year. Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the town voted to divide the school money the same as last year. Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the town voted to allow

Town Meeting of June 6th Continued

the same for labor & material as last year for the repair of Highways and Bridges

Resolved to pay over so much of the 5th Article as relates to assessing Thomas P. Kirkham and others to School District No 25

Resolved to assess Priscilla Wood and Sophronia Wood on their 1/2 lots and Thomas Wood and Edmund Thompson with their 1/2 lots and estates and the Peck Farm to School District No 25

Resolved that the Auditor be instructed to settle all legal accounts for Shovelling Snow

Resolved to choose a Committee of three to settle the affairs of this Town and the Town of Lakeville

Resolved and made choice of Joshua Edgry, Peter H. Pierce and Benjamin P. Wood for said Committee

Resolved that said Committee be instructed to sell all the real estate belonging to the Town's sweeping

Resolved that this meeting be dissolved

West George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from April 25th 1853

This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment June 6th William H. Wood Esq. presiding

Resolved to appropriate 2500 dollars for the repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year

Resolved that the same be allowed for labor and material as last year

Resolved to appropriate 5000 dollars for the support of the ensuing year

Resolved that each whole District receive thirty dollars said appropriation and the half district receiving

said appropriation receive fifteen dollars and the remainder of the said appropriation be divided on all persons between 50

years of age resident in said Town on the first day of May last and those persons that formerly belonged to District No 22 a part of which District now is in the

of Lakeville are to receive their proportion according to the number of persons between 5 & 15 years of age that was in that part of said District that now belongs to this Town

Resolved that the Auditor be instructed to settle all legal accounts for Shovelling Snow

Resolved to choose a Committee of three to settle the affairs of this Town and the Town of Lakeville

Resolved and made choice of Joshua Edgry, Peter H. Pierce and Benjamin P. Wood for said Committee

Resolved that said Committee be instructed to sell all the real estate belonging to the Town's sweeping

Resolved that this meeting be dissolved

West George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment

on the first day of May last

Resolved the Surveyors of Highways be collectors

Resolved to assess Thomas S. Pierce from his land of eight and a half acres and also from his share in the

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

West George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Oct 10th 1853

To all of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury & Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are

requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to elect Town officers to meet at the Town house

in said Town on Monday the tenth day of October next at 2 O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To hear the request of John Smith & others that the Town would cause School District No 2, 3 & 4 to be reunited into one

District and act on anything in relation to said District the Town shall see cause

2^d To hear the request of John Warren John W. Warren Charles Keston & others that the Town would cause the

to be set off from School District No 2 and be annexed to School District No 5 with their 1/2 lots and act on anything thereon the Town shall see cause

3^d To see if the Town will pay George C. Shaw for damage to his carriage which was caused by a large stone being

left in the highway near the house of the said Shaw and act on anything thereon

4th To see what the Town will do in relation to building the road widened by the County Commissioners on the

petition of Mrs. Smith and others and act on anything thereon

5th To see what provisions the Town will make in relation to clearing the ponds of snow the coming winter and act on anything in relation thereto

6th To see if the Town will authorize some person or persons to give all necessary writings or deeds of any and all the real

estate of the Town and act on anything thereon

7th To see if the Town will authorize some person or persons to give all necessary writings or deeds of any and all the real

estate of the Town and act on anything thereon

West George Pickens Town Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #106
TOWN RECORDS 1853-1855, 16:261-330 Holbrook

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estate owned by said Town which may be sold or divided and act any thing in relation thereto the Town may see cause

8th To see what action the Town will take in relation to furnishing an armory for the Old Colony Guards and act any thing thereon

9th To see what action the Town will take in relation to the petition of Joshua Cobb & others now pending before the County Commissioners for a certain road to be widened and for a new location and to act any thing thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting notices thereof in the several meeting houses or some Town in due form and season with the laws requiring thereof full met and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the next meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Orville Johnson }
Oliver Bond }
Jonathan Cobb }
Middletown

By warrant of October 3rd 1853 By virtue of this warrant have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middletown qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet as directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town

William Alden Constable

Resolved and chosen Wm H Wood Esq Mediator
Voted that School District No 2 38 & 39 be reunited and the three Districts formed into one

Resolved to choose a committee to investigate the affairs of School District No 58 & report at a future meeting

Resolved that the School Committee be said Committee

Resolved that said Committee be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of naming George M. Wood

all others living in the Bates Road and belonging to School District No 6 to School District No 19

Resolved that the same document be made as last year

Town Meeting of October 10th Continued

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Voted to pass over the 1st Article

Voted that the Town appropriate One Hundred Dollars to be expended on the road within by the County Commissioners on the petition of Sam Smith and others and that twenty five dollars be expended this year and the balance be expended next year

Resolved that the above appropriation be placed in the hands of Sam Smith to be expended

Resolved that the clearing of the snow from the highways be left with the farmers to be managed for the best interest of the Town

Resolved that the Committee chosen to settle the affairs of this Town with the Town of Sabattus be authorized to sign all necessary papers

Resolved that the procuring an armory for the Old Colony Guards be left with the Selectmen

Resolved to choose a Committee to meet the County Commissioners on the petition of Joshua Cobb and others

Resolved that said Committee consist of two and one to be chosen of William H Wood Esq and Abraham Hurling

Resolved that said Committee be instructed to act for the interest of the Town

Resolved to add one to said Committee and send him of East Spout

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from June 6 was taken up pursuant to adjournment Oct 10 1853

William H Wood Esq Mediator being present

Resolved to accept the report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and the same is in file

Resolved to raise the sum of Six thousand & seventy five Cents to meet the expenses of the Town the present year

Resolved that the Taxes be apportioned and the bills committed to the collector on the first Monday in November next

Resolved that the same document be made as last year

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Annual March Meeting by Adjournment Continued

Resolved that the collector give his Assessments on the first day of April next an have 20¢ for each Assessment.

Resolved that the several collectors of Taxes be instructed to collect all unpaid Taxes forthwith.

Resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to notify the several collectors of the above vote.

Resolved that the vote wherein the Town voted to build a Stone Bridge over the river at the Swamp-pole be rescinded.

Resolved that the Committee Chosen to build a Stone Bridge over the river at the Swamp-pole be instructed to keep the old bridge in repair for the present and confer with the Town of Bridgewater in relation to building a new bridge of Stone a wood and cut in relation thereto.

For the best interest of the Town
Resolved that the meeting of the Town be adjourned to the first Town Meeting 1853.
Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

26
Governors Meeting held Nov^r 14th 1853

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday Nov^r 14th 1853 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on the twenty first day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose the present year.

2^d To bring in their votes to the Select men, Judge of the Peace and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and two Senators for the District of Plymouth and for one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, all on one ballot.

Also at the same time and place to bring in their votes upon the following propositions submitted by the Constitutional Convention held on the first Wednesday of May A.D. 1853 viz.

1st Shall proposition number one containing the Preamble Declaration of Rights and Form of Government stand as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

2^d Shall proposition number two respecting the Helms Capers stand as a part of the Constitution?

3^d Shall proposition number three respecting the Rights of Juices stand as a part of the Constitution?

4th Shall proposition number four respecting Claims against the Commonwealth stand as a part of the Constitution?

5th Shall proposition number five respecting Imprisonment for Debt stand as a part of the Constitution?

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6th Shall proposition number six respecting Sectional Schools stand as a part of the Constitution?
 7th Shall proposition number seven respecting the Creation of Corporations stand as a part of the Constitution?
 8th Shall proposition number eight respecting Formation of Banks and requiring Security for Bank bills stand as a part of the Constitution?
 Said propositions are to be written or printed in substance as herein stated and numbered accordingly. And every vote with Express in writing Yes or Opposite Each proposition. Said votes are to be enclosed within one sealed envelope according to the provisions of the Act of this Commonwealth passed on the twenty second day of May A.D. 1832 and to be deposited in a box for that purpose. And no votes not so enclosed will be received. Polls to be open from ten minutes past ten o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form and season as the law requires.
 Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to be resolved at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
 Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Owen Robinson }
 Jonathan Cobb }
 Otis Sule }
of
Middlebury

My month for November 5th 1833 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified for election by giving notice in the Vermont Gazette & posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said town as directed.
 Milton Allen Constable

Governor's Meeting Continued

Voted To send two Representatives to General Court the present year.

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor and Governor's Senate and Representatives to General Court.

Also gave in their votes on the Constitutional Propositions.

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 685.

Henry W. Bishop had 271 votes

Ernest Washburn " 219 "

Henry Milton " 98 "

Burford L. Wales " 67 "

The whole number of ballots for Lieut. Governor was 686.

Levi S. Dowdy had 271 votes

William C. Plunkett " 250 "

Amasa Mather " 98 "

George Osburn " 67 "

The whole number of ballots for Senators was 684.

John A. Andrew had 368 votes

Heare Colburn " 365 "

Saunders Robert Jr " 250 "

Matthew Ellis " 205 "

John Russell " 67 "

Joseph Sampson Jr " 66 "

The whole number of ballots for Representatives was 678.

excepting for a chosen 340

Richard Sampson had 346 votes

Joseph S. Wood " 347 "

Nathan King " 245 "

Uriah Sampson " 205 "

Frederick Winslow " 62 "

Augustus Pratt " 63 "

Job P. Nelson " 50 "

Quaker & Thomas " 11 "

Oliver Eaton " 1 "

John M. P. Jones " 1 "

Thomas Weston " 1 "

Silvanus H. Smith " 1 "

Harmon Staples " 1 "

Andrew J. Perkins " 1 "

Town Meeting Continued

The following are the votes on the Constitutional Propositions

Proposition No 1 { Yes 341
No 315

Proposition No 2 { Yes 340
No 315

Proposition No 3 { Yes 341
No 316

Proposition No 4 { Yes 343
No 313

Proposition No 5 { Yes 342
No 314

Proposition No 6 { Yes 343
No 314

Proposition No 7 { Yes 341
No 315

Proposition No 8 { Yes 342
No 315

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from 10 o'clock up pursuant to adjournment Nov 10th 1853 William H. Word Esq. Moderator being absent voted by ballot and made choice of Council Nelson Esq. Moderator and no business coming before the meeting voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next meeting in this place at Two O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Oct 10th by adjournment this meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment Nov 10th 1853 William H. Word Esq. Moderator being absent voted and made choice of Council Nelson Esq. Moderator and no business coming before the meeting voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at Two O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 25th 1854

To Ethel of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough & Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to take in Town affairs to meet at the Town house in said Town on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of February instant at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following resolutions 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting 2^d To see what action the Town will take in reference to the petition of the Selectmen of Somerset to the Legislature asking for an additional right to take Herring in said Town and also to any other petition now pending before said Legislature in relation to taking Herring in the Sunnont Great River and to act on anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting notices thereof in the several Meeting houses in said Town in due form and season as the law requires. If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or before the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Ezra Robinson } Selectmen
Chris Sule }
Jonathan Cole } Middleborough

My month's

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Milton Alden Constable

Voted and made choice of Jonathan Cole Esq. Moderator Voted to choose an Agent to appear before the Legislature to oppose the petitions of the Selectmen of the Town of Somerset asking for the right to locate a net for fishing

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Town Meeting of Feb 18th 1854 Continued

place in said Town
also the petition of James Smith and others of Fall River asking for the privilege of fishing six days
also the petition of Philip Brown and others for the privilege of fishing six days
Voted and made choice of Mr H. Wood Esq for moderator
Voted that the Town in pursuance of a revision of the law in relation to taking Alewives and Shad in Quaker Great River and in Middlebury and Lukeville so that the days for taking said fish shall be the same at all the fishing places on said river and in said Towns of Middlebury and Lukeville as prayed for in the petition of Noble Simmons and others and also that the days of fishing be limited to three days in each week and also that all towns that have a right to on said river be required to locate their fishing places within the limits of their respective Towns
Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk
Town Meeting of Oct 10th 1853 by adjournment from Nov 2nd was taken up Feb 18th 1854 Mr H. Wood Esq Moderator being absent Voted and made choice of Jonathan Cobb Esq Moderator and no business coming before the meeting Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town meeting in this place

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk
Annual March Meeting by adjournment from Oct 10th was taken up pursuant to adjournment Feb 27th 1854 Mr H. Wood Esq Moderator being absent Voted by ballot and made choice of Jonathan Cobb Esq Moderator and no business coming before the meeting
Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town meeting in this place at two o'clock P.M.
Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting March 13th 1854

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 13th 1854 pursuant to warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlebury

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon there to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
3rd To choose a board of assessors to assess taxes against the Town and order payment thereof should the Town think it expedient

4th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer

5th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town Hays and Bridges the ensuing year and to act on any thing therein

6th To raise such sum of money as the Town may think necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town for the present year and to appropriate the same as they shall think proper to direct when to be paid and collected and to act on any thing therein which they may see cause

7th To allow demands against the Town and to act on any thing therein

8th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report to the Town the state of the Treasurer and also an estimate of the sum necessary to be raised by tax the present year and to act on any thing therein

9th To see if the Town will pay their collector and Treasurer for his services the last year and act thereon

10th To choose some persons to take care of the Town House for the ensuing year

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1852 Continued

11th To see if the Town will authorize their prudent School Committee to contract with teachers for their respective districts the present year and act thereon

12th To hear reports from any Town officers, Agents or Committees and act thereon

13th To choose a committee to contract with some person to superintend the affairs at the almshouse the ensuing year and act any thing thereon

14th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to represent them in the Meetings of all Rail Road Companies in which they are interested and act thereon

15th To see if the Town will delegate to the several School Districts the power to elect prudential School Committees for their respective Districts and act thereon

16th To see if the Town will continue the several School Districts in said Town and act any thing in relation to said Districts the Town may see cause

17th To see if the Town will repair the road over Barden Hills so called, and build the little piece of road so called and act any thing in relation to the same the Town may see cause

18th To see if the Town will take any measures to keep dogs from running at large and act any thing thereon according to the Petition of W^m Kellard and others

19th To see if the Town will take measures to repair or rebuild the bridge over the Narragansett river called Sinkhams Bridge near the almshouse between Middleborough & Lakeville and act any thing thereon according to the petition of Edmund Thompson & others

20th To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen to cause a report to be made to the Town of the particulars in relation to the sale of Spirituous Liquor and act any thing thereon which the Town shall see cause according to the petition of Elisha Pierce & others

21st To see what instructions the Town will give their selectmen in reference to managing the several necessary business in said Town and act any thing the Town may see cause in reference to the same

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1852 Continued

22nd To see if the Town will unite School District No. 1 in said Town to School District No. 2 in the Town of Carver making an Union District and act any thing in relation thereto the Town may see cause

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Notices thereof in the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due form and season as the law requires

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Ernest Robinson } Selectmen
Oliver Soule }
Jonathan Cobb } Middleborough

Plymouth pt. March 3rd 1852 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Milton Allen Constable

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Elbert Wood for Moderator

Voted by ballot and made choice of George Pickens Town Clerk

Voted to choose three selectmen

Voted by ballot and made choice of Thomas Wood William Benson & Joseph S. West for selectmen

Voted to choose five School Committee

Voted by ballot and made choice of Edward G. Perkins William H. West Augustus A. Soule William Benson & William A. Pierce for School Committee

Voted to choose three members of the Poor

Voted by ballot and made choice of Benjamin S. West Schabed Admond & Thomas West for members of the Poor

Voted to choose five Constables

Voted by ballot and made choice of Milton Allen Joseph Cobb Samuel G. Pierce Daniel Allen & Southworth Ellis for Constables

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1852 Continued

✓ Voted by nomination and ^{made} choice of the following persons
Sundays for Supts for Peter H. Pierce, Andrew M. Eaton,
Abraham S. Thomas, Caroline B. Wood, Everett Robinson,
Benj^r L. Wood, & Joshua Edley

✓ Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 15th Article
Voted not to delegate power to the School District to choose
their own presidential Committee

Then proceeded to choose Presidential School Committee
and made choice of the following persons the
Presidential School Committee

1. Lewis Cook	12. Andrew Benson
2. Lathrop Thomas	13. Isaac Smith
3. Benj ^r L. Wood	14. Benson by Marshall
4. James M. Warren	15. Dennis Shaw
5. John Butterworth	16. Edward N. Benson
6. William C. Canish	17. Edward G. Perkins
7. Schubert Sampson	18. James S. Bump
8. Eliphaz Thomas	19. Elgar E. Perkins
9. Joseph Alwood Jr	20. Justin Andrews
10. Levi Reed	21. Andrew Weston
11. John Linkhorn	22. Thomas Darling

Surveyors of Highways

Surveyor	Surveyor	Surveyor
6. Lyak Hartst	Sevan Benson	James Pratt
Surveyor	Abel Washburn	And Compton
Surveyor	Benjamin Littlejohn	David Wood
Surveyor	Wm. B. Wood	Edwin Cook
Surveyor	Henry C. Bryant	John Cobb
Surveyor	James M. Wood	Solomon Benson
Surveyor	Sylvia Pierce	Eli Alwood
Surveyor	William S. White	Thomas Washburn
Surveyor	Zebedee Leonard	Jonah Haddon
Surveyor	James G. Nichols	Nathaniel C. Perkins
Surveyor	John S. A. May	John C. Perkins
Surveyor	Merton Freeman	John Butterworth
Surveyor	Jacob Thompson	Amasa Thompson
Surveyor	Solomon Augustus	

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1852 Continued

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 20th Article

Voted that a report be made in relation to the sale of School
Spirits sold by the Town Agent

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to make a report
to the Town in relation to the sale of School Spirits sold by
the Town Agent how much and to whom sold and whether
the Town have lost anything by the operation

Voted that the Selectmen cause 1000 Copies of the above report
to be printed and put into the hands of the Town Clerk
for distribution

Voted that the Selectmen be paid a reasonable compensation
for making the above report in relation to the sale of School
Spirits

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 22nd Article

Voted to report to the Union of School Districts in
Middleborough with School District No. 2 in Carver

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 18th Article

Voted to adopt the following By-laws relating to Dogs

1st That no person shall suffer his or her dog to go at large in
this town without first obtaining a license therefor and
paying two dollars to the Treasurer who shall issue and return

2nd That no dog shall be permitted to run at large within
the limits of this town without being muzzled, and
and that the owner thereof shall be liable to a penalty of ten
dollars for breach of this or the preceding by-law.

3rd That the Treasurer be authorized to pay twenty five
cents per head for each dog killed in this town going at
large contrary to law

4th These by-laws shall take effect from and after the
15th day of March current, and all existing by-laws incon-
sistent with these are hereby repealed.

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 17th Article

Voted that the Town vote cause the Little Bennett Road to be
built

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to cause
said road to be built

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appropriate a

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1854 Continued

Insufficient sum of money to put the Garden Mills Road to
cult in proper repair
Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 3rd Article
Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to cause the Highway
to be sold for fifty cents per hundred to the inhabitants of
this Town and the town of Lakeville
Voted that no person shall be entitled to more than
2000 Highway at a time when any person is so doing
Voted to pass over the 4th Article
Voted to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for
the repairs of Highways Townways and bridges for the
ensuing year
Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be instructed
to work out one half of the money appropriated for the
Voted that the same be allowed for labour and material
as last year
Voted to pass over the 5th Article
Voted to pass over the 6th Article
Voted to choose a committee to sit with the Treasurer
and make choice Peter H. Paine, Everett Robinson
Nathan King
Voted by ballot and made choice of George Pickens
Treasurer
Voted and made choice of George Pickens Collector
Voted to pay the Treasurer and Collector seventy five
dollars for his services the past year
Voted and made choice of Hercules Thomas to have
care of the Town House
Voted to authorize the Prudential School Committee
Contract with Teachers
Voted to pass over the 12th Article
Voted that the Owners of the poor be a committee to confer
with some person to have charge of the blind men
Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to act in all the
Road meetings in which the Town is interested
Voted to continue the present School District system
Voted to refer the subject matter of Article 19 to the Selectmen
to confer with the Selectmen of Lakeville

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1854 Continued

Voted to proceed to the consideration of 6th Article
Voted to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars
for the support of Schools the present year
Voted that one quarter of the money appropriated for Schools
be divided on the District except New which is but half a
District the amount be divided the same as last year

Peace Officers and Field Officers

Errol Chase	Nathan Thurman
Earl Allen	Earl Sprout
Joseph Sump	Zebedee Leonard Supon
James Hudson	Philip L. Olan
Pelham E. Gith	Sidney Sutter
Calvin Alden	David A. Loring
Samuel Dinkham	William H. Wood
John G. Vaughan	Stephen C. Ricker
Osamus Littlejohn	Ernest C. Gay
Joseph Howard	Samuel Howard
Joseph Clark	Samuel Perkins
William C. Eddy	Edward Adams
Nathan Keith	Solomon Brooks
James Robbins	

Voted to exempt Samuel Smith, D.D. and that he
be exempt from further taxation

Surveyors of Lumber

Sidney Sutter	Stillman Benson
John H. Warren	Andrew C. Wood
William S. Eaton	Dora Weston
Ruel Howard	David L. Curtis
Jacob Holmes	George C.
Isaac Smith	

Masters of Wood and Bark

Canalus S. Wood	Thomas S. Paine	David Bryant
John L. Martin	Andrew L. Alden	Stillman Benson
Samuel Lamb	George C.	Edward A. Wickman
Andrew M. Eaton	Elishe Pierce	Samuel Howard
Thomas Lyell	George H. Wood	Calvin Alden

Annual March Meeting March 13th 1852 Continued

Voted to proceed to the election of Highway Men and Highway Inspectors

Highway Men

John C. Perkins
Selvanus Hinkley James Charles John C. Perkins

Highway Inspectors

Andrew H. Eaton Ezra Chase Hubert Simmons
Cushman Vaughan Selvanus Hinkley James Charles
Albert Thomas

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting of October 10th 1852 by adjournment from July 24th 1852 Mr. H. Wood Esq. Moderator being absent
Voted and made choice of Eliah Ward Esq. Moderator for term and no business coming before the meeting
Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at half past 2 O'clock P.M.
March 13th 1852 Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 10th 1852

My month for So either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town house in said Town on Monday the 10th day of April next at one O'clock in afternoon to act on the following business

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2nd To see what action the Town will take in relation to an order of notice from the County Commissioners issued on the Town upon the petition of Abner Pratt & others relating to the highway leading from Pratt's Bridge to Great Brook so called
- 3rd To see what the Town will do relative to an action or suit commenced against them by the Town of Pelham for the support of certain paupers and at any thing therein

Town Meeting April 10th Continued

4th To see if the Town will vote to give Winslow Pratt a Bond for a Term of years real estate held by them for the benefit of Joseph H. Benson in consideration of the maintenance of said Benson by said Winslow Pratt

5th To see if the Town will take any action in relation to the owners of land taking off soil from land taken for new highway or widening and straightening old highway

6th To see if the Town will give any direction in regard to mowing fences placed within the limits of any new highway, or old highway widened and straightened by the County Commissioners

7th To see if the Town will procure a safe for the purpose of preserving the public records and act thereon
And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form and season as the law directs

Whereof full not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands at this twenty seventh day of March in the year eighteen hundred and fifty four

Stillman Benson } Selectmen
Joseph H. Wood }
Thomas J. Wood } Middleborough

My month for April 10th 1852 by virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at within limited by posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said Town as within directed

Attest John H. Constable

Voted and made choice of Nathan H. Esq. Moderator
Voted to choose a committee to view the road from Pratt's Bridge to Great Brook and to report at the next Town meeting

Voted and made choice of Everett Robinson Esq. for said committee with instructions to take proper care of the same before the County Commissioners
Voted to choose an agent to defend the action or suit commenced by the Town of Pelham against the Town

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 Town Meeting of April 10th 1854 Continued

for the support of certain papers
 Voted and made choice of William M. Wood Esq.
 for said Agent
 Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to give William
 Pratt a Bond for a Debt of certain real estate held
 by the Town for the benefit of Joseph H. Benson
 in consideration of the said William Pratt maintain
 the said Benson during his life
 Voted to pay over the 5th Article to the next Town Meeting
 Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be instructed to
 V all obstructions from the Highways under the direction of
 Selectmen
 Voted to choose a Committee to ascertain what a
 sale will cost and report at the next Town meeting
 Voted and made choice of Col. John H. Pomeroy Esq.
 Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town
 Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
 Most George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment
 this meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
 from March 15th and under the 2nd Article

Voted to proceed to the choice of a board of Assessors
 Voted to choose three Assessors
 Voted to reconsider the vote whenever it was voted to
 a board of Assessors
 Voted to choose an additional number of Assessors
 Voted and made choice of the following persons for
 Assessors

✓ Samuel M. Thompson Amos Leach Charles Caswell
 Thomas A. Pratt Sumner A. Standish Charles E. Gay
 James Warren James W. Warren George Loring
 Luther Hardwick

✓ Voted to or cause Sethus Thompson being as Sur-
 of Highways

✓ Voted and made choice of John A. Shaw and Richard
 Carter as Surveyors of Highways

Surveyors
 of Highways

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 Annual March Meeting by adjournment Continued

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 12th Article
 And under that Article the Select Committee made a report
 in relation to the petition of John Warren & others and the same
 was by vote accepted and is on file
 The Selectmen made a report in relation to Sinkham Bridge
 and it was Voted to refer the whole subject back to the
 Selectmen of Middleborough and Sandwich
 Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town
 Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

Most George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting of October 10th 1854 by adjournment from
 March 1854 was taken up 11th Article and under the 11th Article
 present and no business coming before the meeting was
 Voted that this meeting be adjourned

Most George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 25th 1854

Plymouth ss.
 To either of the Constables of the Town
 of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 You are hereby required to notify and warn the
 inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
 to vote in Town affairs to meet together at the Town
 House in said Town on Monday the 25th day of April
 instant at two O'clock in the afternoon.
 1st To choose a moderator
 2nd To see what action the Town will take in regard
 to carrying the Highway between the dwelling house
 of David H. Loring & Admirel Water to be built
 as laid out by the County Commissioners and not
 any thing relative to building other roads laid
 out by said Commissioners in said Town that the
 Town may be required to build the present season
 as they may see cause.
 3rd To take up the annual March meeting warrant
 for the purpose of choosing Assessors for the Town the
 present year and to transact any other business that may

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Town Meeting April 24th 1852 Continued

legally come before them as the Town may see cause
And you are directed to serve this warrant in due
form and season agreeable to law
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon at the time and place of said
meeting

Given under our hands this tenth day of April
in the year eighteen hundred and fifty four
Stillman Benson Selectman
Joseph L. Wood }
Thomas J. Wood } Middleborough

My month p. of notice of the within warrant I have
Notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
qualified to vote in Town affairs by putting up notices
at the several Meeting Houses in said Town to appear
as within directed

Milton Alden Constable

Voted and made chmn of Nathan King Esq. Moderator

Voted to refer the 3^d Article to a committee of one

Voted and made chmn of Enoch Robinson Esq. for the
Committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting of April 10th 1852 by Adjournment
This meeting was taken up April 24th 1852 pursuant
to adjournment Nathan King Esq. Moderator being
present and no business coming before the meeting
Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next
Town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting by Adjournment from April 10th 1852

This meeting was taken up April 24th 1852 pursuant to adjournment
Eliot Ward Esq. Moderator being present

Under the 12th Article Enoch Robinson Esq. made a verbal report
in relation to the Road leading from Pratt's Bridge to Trout Lake
so called which report was by vote accepted

Voted that E. Robinson Esq. be authorized to build the road from
Pratt's Bridge to Trout Lake according to his best skill and
judgment for the best interest of the Town

Voted and made chmn of Enoch Robinson Esq. for the
Inspector

Voted and made chmn of Samuel Holman President
School Committee in contrast to 23

Voted to proceed to the choice of a board of Assessors

Voted that the board of Assessors consist of three

Voted and made chmn of Stillman Benson Thomas J. Wood
and Joseph L. Wood for Assessors for the ensuing year

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the next
Town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 22nd 1852

My month p. to either of the Constables in the Town of
Middleborough in said County

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of
the Town of Middleborough & qualified to vote in Town affairs
to meet to gather at their Town House in said Town on
Monday the 22nd day of May inst. at 2 O'clock in the afternoon
1st To choose a Moderator
2^d To see what action the Town will take relative to filling
the vacancies in the list of Surveyors of Highways and any
other Town Officers when office has become vacant in conse-
quence of a failure on their part to signify to the Town their
acceptance of the Office to which they were chosen
at the last annual meeting of the Town as required by law
and act thereon as the Town may see cause
And you are directed to serve this warrant in due form
and season as the law requires

And full set and make return of this manner
with your deings thereon at the time and place of
meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this eighth day of May in the year
one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Stellman Benson }
Thomas J. Wood }
Joseph A. Wood }
Salem }
Middleborough }

Plymouth p. May 16th 1854 By order of the within warrant
have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up notices at
the several Meeting Houses in & Town as within directed

Milton Allen Constable

And made choice of Peter H. Pierce Esq. Moderator
to preside to fill the vacancies of Town Officers and the
following persons were then chosen to the offices aforesaid

Surveyors of the Town

Justin Anderson	Saml Pratt &
Wm. Washburn	Abel G. Pratt
William D. Wood	David Wood
John A. Shaw	Jonathan Cobb
Henry E. Bryant	Eli Stevens
John A. Hise	

Surveyors of Taxes Seth S. Shurtliff

Assessors of Wood & Bark Thomas S. Pierce
Prudential School Committee

District No 2 Herman Thomas

No 3 Benjamin S. Wood

No 4 William O. Garrison

No 5 School Samson

No 6 Thomas Oaking

School Committee William A. Pierce

And to choose two Auditors and made choice of
Charles V. Thomas & Ebenezer S. Shaw

And that this meeting be dissolved and adjourned
to the next Town Meeting in the place at 2 o'clock P. M.

Town Meeting of April 10th 1854 to adjournment from April 12th 1854

This meeting was taken up May 22nd pursuant to adjournment
Noted King Esq. Moderator being absent voted and made
choice of Peter H. Pierce Esq. Moderator for the next Town Meeting in the place
at 2 o'clock P. M. Most George Pickens Town Clerk

Journal. Town Meeting by adjournment from April 24th 1854

This meeting was taken up May 22nd pursuant to adjournment
Eli H. Wood Esq. Moderator being absent voted by ballot and
made choice of Peter H. Pierce Esq. Moderator for the next
no business coming before the meeting voted that this
meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in the place
at 2 o'clock P. M.

Most George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 15th 1854

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth p.

To either of the constables of the Town
of Middleborough in said county Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are
hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants
of the Town of Middleborough who are by law qualified to
vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said
Town on Monday the 15th day of September next at one
O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2^d To see if the Town will vote to repair the highway between
the House of David Allen & Samuel Ackland and act
thereon
- 3^d To see if the Town will vote to repair or rebuild the
Bridge near the House of George Hartwell and act on any
thing thereon
- 4th To hear the report of Ebenezer Robinson Esq. or any
other Agent or Committee of the Town to whom any
matter requiring the action of the Town has heretofore been
referred and act thereon

5th To see if the Town will vote to grant the petition of
John Warren & others and will vote to set off said John
Warren, John M. Warren, Abel Hurler, Eli Lamb
and John Vazey from School District No 9 and
annex them with their polls and votes to School
District No 5 and act thereon as the Town shall think
proper

Town Meeting Sept 18th 1854 Continued

6th To see if the Town will vote to set off from School District No 5 Caleb Alden Woodward and George N. Wood and the Estate of Andrew Tucker deceased, and annex them with their polls and estates to School District No 19 in said Town extending the limits of School District No 19 on the Bridgewater Road to the Halfway Road near the House of Andrew Tucker deceased, against the petition of John C. Perkins & others, and act on any thing thereon

7th To see if the Town will grant the request of Daniel Cobb & John Carter asking to be set off from School District No 15 and annexed to School District No 11 with their polls and estates

8th To see if the Town will vote to newly number the School Districts in said Town and act thereon as they may see cause

9th To see if the Town will take any action relative establishing the limits or bounds of those School Districts in said Town when bounds are not at present determined as required by law and act thereon as they may see cause

10th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appraise the land designated for a School House lot in School District No 11 in said Town

And you are directed to have this Warrant by you up attested copies of the same in due form and season at the several meeting Houses in said Town thereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Stillman Benson
Joseph T. Wood
Thomas J. Wood

Plymouth Pa Sept 18th 1854 By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North

Town Meeting Sept 18th 1854 Continued

qualifies to vote in Town affairs to meet as within directed by putting up notices at the several meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Levin C. Rice Constable
Voted by nomination and vote of Council Robinson
Moderator

Voted to choose a committee to put the road leading from David Alden to the road to Richmond in repair

Voted and made choice of Council Robinson Esq for said Committee

Voted to employ Silas H. Hinkley to labor on repair the Bridge near the house of George Hinkley to be done in a good substantial manner and to pay him twenty five dollars therefor when done

Council Robinson Esq made a report in relation to the Road leading from the House of Capt. through the House of Adm. O. Baker

Voted to accept said report and the same is on file

Voted and made choice of Stillman Benson Esq to build said Road as ordered and thought out by the County Commissioners

Voted to put the Road near the House of Ephraim Thomas in repair as ordered by the County Commissioners

Voted that the said Road be repaired to the Selectmen to be put in repair

Voted that the piece of Road ordered near the House of Capt. Thompson be put into the hands of the Selectmen to be put in repair

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to take into consideration the 5th Article

Voted to refer the 6th Article to the Selectmen

Voted to pass the 7th Article

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to report to the Town the limits and boundaries of the several School Districts that the same may be established by the Town if they think proper

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appraise the land designated for a School House lot in District No 11 in said Town

voted that the School Committee be instructed to report to the Town any renumbering of the School districts that they may think proper
voted that this meeting be adjourned

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Town Meeting of April 10th 1852 by Adjournment from May 22nd 1852

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment Sept 18th 1851 Nathan King Esq Moderator being absent voted by nomination and made choice of Everett Robinson Esq Moderator present and no business coming before the meeting it was by vote adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment from May 22nd 1852

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment Sept 18th 1851 Chas Ward Esq Moderator being absent voted by ballot and made choice of Everett Robinson Esq Moderator present

voted to proceed to the consideration of the 8th Article and under this Article the Committee chose to settle with the Treasurer made their report which was by vote accepted and the same is on file

voted to proceed to the consideration of the 6th Article then voted to raise the sum of 5,500 dollars by tax for present year for the current expenses of the Town
voted that the taxes be apportioned before the first of November next

voted that all those who pay their taxes in the month of November or earlier be allowed ten per cent discount those who pay in January 6 per cent and those who pay in Feb. 3 per cent

voted that the Treasurer be instructed to issue Summons on the first day of April 1855 and have 20 cents for Summons

The Overseers of the Poor made their annual report which was by vote recommended with instruction to enter how much each one receives for his services

pay
\$ 5,500

to whom to be paid and how paid

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment Continued

voted to take up the 7th Article and under this Article voted that John C. Pickens be requested to make out his snow bill by the town according to the vote of the Town and present the same to the Auditors

voted that so far as the settlement made a report in relation to money received for turnings be accepted

voted that 1200 dollars bearing money be divided on the residents to tax payers equating money to receive same the amount of his or her tax

voted that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance School Teachers as their claims may be presented

voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money in anticipation of a tax not to exceed five hundred dollars

voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Governors Meeting Nov^r 13th 1854

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday Nov^r 13th 1854 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables in the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough and Lakeville qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the 13th day of November instant being the second Monday of said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit

1st To determine the number of Representatives said Town will send to the next General Court

2^d To bring in their votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for two Senators for the district of Plymouth for the ensuing political year and for one or more Representatives from said Town of Middleborough to the next General Court to be holden on the first Wednesday of January next Also to bring in their votes for a Representative from second District in the thirty fourth Congress of the United States

Also to bring in their votes for one County Commissioner for the County of Plymouth

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators Representatives in the General Court Representatives in Congress and County Commissioners will be voted for on one ballot The poll will be opened at 10 o'clock in the forenoon receiving votes and will close at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due form and season by posting up an attested Copy of this Warrant at the several Meeting Houses in said Town at least two Sundays prior to the time of said meeting and if fail not and make return of this Warrant with your findings thereon at the time and place of

Governors Meeting Continued

meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this 2^d day of November in the year AD eighteen hundred and fifty four

Stillman Benson } Selectmen
Thomas J. Wood }
Joseph J. Wood } Middleborough

Plymouth ss. November 3^d 1854

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Lakeville qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town by posting up Notices at the several meeting houses in said Town
Milton Allen Constable

Voted to send two Representatives to General Court

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators Representatives to the General Court Representatives to the next Congress of the United States and one County Commissioner The whole number of ballots for Governor was 638

Henry J. Gardner had	502 votes
Henry W. Bishop	62 "
Henry Wilson	22 "
Emory Washburn	52 "

The whole number of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 638

Simon Brown had	502 votes
Caleb Nelson	62 "
Amos Sumner	22 "
William C. Hunt	52 "

The whole number of ballots for State Senators was 638

Robert B. Hall had	503 votes
James W. Ward	574 "
Isaac C. Perkins	60 "
Allen J. Lord	62 "
Mitchell Hooper	22 "
Benjamin King	50 "
Benjamin W. Harris	119 "

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Governor's Meeting Nov 15th 1854 Continued

The whole number of ballots for Representative to Congress was 638
 James Buffinton had 502 votes
 Charles A. Vickery " 62 "
 Gershom B. Weston " 22 "
 Samuel L. Crocker " 52 "

The whole number of ballots for Representative to General Court was 638
 Nathan King had 546 votes
 Minck Huskins " 499 "
 George W. Wood " 39 "
 Stillman Benson " 61 "
 Ellis Scule " 23 "
 Joseph J. Wood " 23 "
 Mark Sampson " 30 "
 Joshua Vildy " 1 "
 Abel Wood " 1 "

The whole number of Ballots for County Commissioners 518
 Martin Bryant had 122 votes
 William Latham " 142 "
 Moses Bates Jr " 54 "

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

From Meeting of April 10th 1854 This meeting was taken up from
 to adjournment from Sept 18th 1854. Nathan King Esq. Moderator being
 about 10 o'clock and made Chmn of Stillman Benson Moderator present
 and no business coming before the meeting it was adjourned
 adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Nov 15th 1854 Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 13th 1854

This meeting was taken up Nov 15th 1854 pursuant to adjournment
 from Sept 18th 1854. Chas Ward Esq. Moderator being about
 10 o'clock by ballot and made Chmn of Stillman Benson Moderator
 present John C. Pickens declined surveying any business
 as Surveyor of Highways and it was voted that the Selectmen
 take charge of the Road of which he was Surveyor
 Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town
 Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest George Pickens Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 being duly assembled in Town Meeting on
 Monday March 12th 1855 pursuant to a warrant
 duly issued and returned of which the following
 is a true copy viz

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough
 in the County of Plymouth Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 you are hereby required to notify and warn
 the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at
 the Town House in said Town on Monday next
 day of March next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon
 to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town officers
- 3^d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer
- 4th To determine whether said Town will authorize
 the Prudential Committee of the several School
 Districts to contract with Teachers in their School
 Districts the present year
- 5th To choose a Board of Auditors to examine
 Claims against the Town and order payment thereof
- 6th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways
 and Bridges for the ensuing year
- 7th To hear the reports of the Selectmen School
 Committee Overseers of the Town and any other
 Committee and act thereon
- 8th To see if the Town will accept a proposition of
 W. H. Walling to take a survey of said Town
 and furnish a map of the same and
 act thereon as they see cause
- 9th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
 to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year
 to determine when the same shall be assessed
 and collected and appropriate the same

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Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855 Continued

10th To allow accounts against the Town and act thereon

11th To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer and report the condition of the Treasurer and an estimate for a tax for the ensuing year

12th To see if the Town will lay out as a publick Highway the Road leading from Col Peirce Store towards Muttack called Peirce street and act thereon

13th To hear and act on the petition of Elisha Peirce and others relating to the Liquor agency in said Town

14th To choose some one to take care of the Town House

15th To see if the Town will adopt any different method of giving notice of Town Meetings than the one now practiced

16th To see what action the Town will take relative to building the little Precinct Road as laid out by the County Commissioners

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting notices thereof in the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due season and form as the Law requires

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting Given under our hands at Middleborough this second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Stillman Benson Selectmen

Thomas J Wood of

Joseph J Wood of Middleborough

Plymouth p. March 7th 1855 by virtue of the within Warrent I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the

several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed Milton Alden Constable of Middle

by Ballot and made choice of Nathan King Moderator

by Ballot and made choice of Andrew M Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855 Continued

Voted to Choose three Selectmen

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Joseph J Wood Nathaniel Thurtliff³ and Lewis Soule for Selectmen

Voted to Choose three assessors

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Andrew C Wood Israel W Thompson and Sylvanus Hinckley for Assessors

Voted to Choose five School Committee

Voted by Ballot and made choice of S W Marston William H Wood Lawrence Sandy Joseph W Horton and Francis H Hodges for School Committee

Voted to Choose three overseers of the Poor

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Isaac C Quishon Nathan King and Isaac Lane for overseers of the Poor

Voted to Choose seven Constables

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Milton Alden Lemuel G Peirce Amasa Thompson Lathrop Thomas Charles White James G Nichols and Benjamin F Thomas for Constables

Voted to Choose seven Auditors

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Nathan King George Leonard George M Beach Elijah Hackett Elijah C Perkins James G Quishman and Amasa Thompson for Auditors

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to settle with the Treasurer

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Nathan King William H Wood and Jacob D Shaw

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 13th article

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to examine the records and make a report of the liquor business how much sold how much sold and who he

Voted and chose Elisha Peirce E W Wilbur Amasa Thompson Sylvanus Hinckley and E W Smith said Committee

Voted to pass over the further consideration of the 13th article

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Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855 Continued

Voted to proceed to the choice of Prudential School Committee.

Voted by nomination and made choice of the following persons viz

Prudential School Committee

1st Isaac Cushman	12th David Clark
2 John S. Borman	13 Orlando W. Carver
3 Jacob Bennet	14 Carl Alden
4 Richard Cartledge	16 Abraham Thomas
5 Hanson Darling	17 Harrison Barrows
6 Thomas J. Wood	18 Wm H. Wood
7 Levi Atwood	19 Charles White
8 Elvira Thomas	20 Avery H. Hooper
9 Asaph Atwood	21 Zebulon Pratt
10 Ansel Smith	23 Jared Alden
11 William Gibbs	36 Jacob Thompson

Surveyors of Highways

Isaac Shurtliff	Isaac Pratt	Benjamin Thomas
Lewis Soule	Robert Cole	John Pierce
Horatio Thomas	Williams Eaton	Samuel White
George C. Wilbur	Eliab Dean	Zebedee Lionard
Asaph Atwood	Wm S. Eddy	Joshua M. Eddy
Salmon Caswell	Thomas Shedd	Joshua Letaron
Thomas Lovell	Harry Smith	Charles J. Fuller
Israel Smith	Thomas Reed	Isaac Hartland
Charles White	Milton Alden	Edward G. Perkins
Elijah Hackett	John Clark	Lewis Eaton
George H. Shiver	James W. Warren	Abad Borington
Asa Benson	Wm C. Cornish	Obed Harlow
Barrett Thomas	Wm B. Wood	Albert Eddy
Stephen Hartlow	Frank Bryant	Richard Carter

Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855 Continued

Justice Viewers and Field Drivers

Isaac Cushman	Joseph Clark	John Pierce
Carl Alden	Henry A. Swift	William Thomas
George Estorn	James Stickney	George Fuller
Allen Sanborn	James Robbins	Isaac Hartlow
Pelham E. Gibbs	Isaac Sherman	Abraham Perkins
Philos Murdock	James Warren	Edward Adams
Calhoun Alden	John Eaton	Solomon Beale
John G. Vaughan	Philip L. Dean	
William Gist	Sidney Tucker	
James Soule	Daniel H. Loring	

Surveyors of Lumber

Sidney Eaton	Stillman Benson
John M. Warren	Joshua M. Eddy
Williams Eaton	Andrew C. Wood
Israel Atwood	David L. Curtis
George Cox	Consider Fuller
Israel Smith	

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Cornelius Wood	George Cox	John M. Warren
John S. Montoye	Lothrop Shurtliff	
Amasa Eddy	Elisha Pierce	
Andrew M. Eaton	Abad Bryant	
Thomas Land	Stillman Benson	
Thomas Pierce	Edward H. Hartman	
Lyander Richmond	George W. Wood	

Highway Men

Cyranus Winchley Israel W. Thompson
John C. Perkins

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 16th article
Voted That the Selectmen cause the Little Pond
Road to be built acceptable to
the County Commissioners

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to sell the building
of the Little Pond Road in Sections at Public
Auction to the lowest bidder

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Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855 Continued

- Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 10th article
 Voted to allow John C Perkins age against
 the Town of nineteen dollars and seventy nine cents
 for shoveling snow and repairing roads
 and ordered the Treasurer to pay the same
 Voted not to allow Joshua Eddy bill against the Town
 Voted to allow Joshua Eddy the same pay
 they did the other two men on the same committee
 for the same services rendered
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 4th article
 Voted to authorize the Prudential School Committee
 to contract with Teachers the ensuing year
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 7th article
 heard the report of the Selectmen in relation to the revision
 of the jury box accepted
 Voted to recommit the report to the new Board of
 Selectmen for correction
 heard the report of the selectmen in relation
 to the hearings the last year accepted and is on file
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 2^d article
 Voted by Ballot and made choice of Andrew M Eaton
 Treasurer
 Voted and made choice of Andrew M Eaton Collector
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 8th article
 Voted to choose a committee of three to take into
 consideration the subject of obtaining a
 Map of the Town and that the Committee
 be instructed to take into consideration
 the subject of naming the streets and
 lanes in Town
 Voted and made choice of Zebulon Pratt
 William Benson and Joseph J Wood 3^d Com
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 6th article
 Voted that we raise the sum of twenty five
 hundred dollars for the repair of Roads
 and Bridges the ensuing year

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Annual March Meeting March 12th 1855 Continued

- Voted that the Surveyors be authorized to expend
 one half of the amount of their Taxes before
 the bills are committed
 Voted that the Surveyors pay twelve cts per hour
 for the faithful Labour of a man twelve cts
 for Oxen Horses Rough Carts &c discretionary
 with the Surveyors
 Voted that this appropriation be expended
 in Labour and Material
 Voted that the assessors be directed to make
 the Taxes and commit the bills
 on or before the Twentieth day of May
 Voted that the several Surveyors of the Town
 be made Collectors of their own bills
 Voted that the several Surveyors of the Town
 be directed to cause three fourths of the
 amount of their Taxes to be worked out
 on or before the first day of July next
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 12th article
 Voted to pass over the 12th article
 Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the next
 Town meeting in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
 Attest Andrew M Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting of April 10th 1854 This Meeting was
 taken up pursuant to adjournment from Nov 13th 1854
 Nathan King Esq Moderator being present and no
 business coming before the Meeting it was
 Voted that this Meeting be dissolved
 March 12th 1855 Attest Andrew M Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 13th 1854 pursuant
 to adjournment from Nov 13th 1854
 Eliab Ward Esq Moderator being absent
 Voted by Ballot and made choice of Nathan King Esq
 Moderator Protem
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 21st article

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Annual March Meeting of March 15th 1835 by adjournment

Resolved that the Corporation of Middleborough deny the right of any other corporation in the Management of the Herring or its proceeds within the Town
 Voted that the Selectmen are hereby directed to refuse to act in concert with the Selectmen of Lakeville in the Management of the Herring interest

Voted that an agent be chosen for 1835 to take and dispose of the herring at such prices as he may see cause and the proceeds to be divided equally upon all the Tax paying Residence of Middleborough

Voted and made choice of Isaac W. Thompson herring agent

Voted that our agent Thos. Wood Esq be instructed to appear before the Committee on Fisheries in behalf of the interest of the Town in the herring fisheries

Voted to adjourn this Meeting

March 12th 1835

Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 2^d 1835

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday April 2^d 1835 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy

To the Selectmen of the Town of Middleboro in the County of Plymouth Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town house in said Town on Monday the second day of April next

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Town Meeting April 2^d 1835 Continued

at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to bring in their votes to the selectmen for one special Commissioner in said County to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Martin Bryant Esq. of Pembroke agreeable to the precept of the Board of examiners for the County of Plymouth
 And you are further directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will cause the several Streets and Lanes in the Town to be named and Boards erected at the corners thereof and to act on any thing therein

3^d To see if the Town will accept as a Publick Highway the street leading from the New Bedford Road near the house of Eliska Suckler to the highway leading to the farm of George B. Washburns to Oliver's works as laid out by the selectmen upon the Petition of Nicholas Jenter and others and to act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting notice thereof in the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due form and season as the law requires

Hereof fail not and make returns of this warrant with your doing therein to our selves at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid
 Given under our hands this twentyfourth day of March in the year 1835

Joseph J. Wood }
 Lewis South } Selectmen of
 Nathaniel Thurliff } Middleborough

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Town Meeting April 2^d 1835 Continued

Plymouth 3^d March 30th 1835 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Wilton Alden Constable of Middleborough then said inhabitants gave in their votes for one Special Commissioner.

Whole number of Ballots was 30
John Alwood Jr of Plymouth had 30

Another Meeting came up under the same warrant Voted and made choice of Mr H Wood Esq Moderator Voted to receive the report of the committee on naming the streets and lanes in Town and putting up

street boards at the corners thereof Accepted Voted to pass over the 2^d article for the present Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen upon the petition of Nicholas Jencks & others of which the following is a true copy

The undersigned Selectmen of Middleborough upon the Petition of Nicholas Jencks and others have laid out as a public Highway the following described premises to

Commencing at a stake standing on the North West side of the Boston and New Bedford Road in said Middleborough near the house of Elisha Tucker in a line ranging South 44th West from the North corner of the brick building on the opposite side of said road owned by Elisha Tucker thence in said line one hundred and nine rods to the highway leading from George D Washburn

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Town Meeting April 2^d 1835 Continued

to Oliver Works said way to be forty feet wide upon the North East side of said line No damages claimed

Middleborough March 1835

Joseph D Wood } Selectmen
Hiram South }
Nathaniel Thurluff } Middleborough
Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 2^d article
Voted to instruct the committee chosen at a previous Meeting to name the several Streets and lanes in Town to be named also to cause street boards to be put up at the corners thereof
Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest Andrew C Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 11th 1835

This Meeting was taken up April 2^d 1835 pursuant to adjournment Nathan Perry Esq Moderator being absent Voted by Ballot and made choice of Mr H Wood Esq Moderator Election

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 2^d article Voted to instruct the committee chosen at a previous Meeting to purchase five hundred coloured and eight hundred plain maps of the Town

Voted to instruct said committee to have the School districts drawn on the maps

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 3^d article accepted of the report of the School Committee in relation to numbering the School districts in Town of which the following is a true copy

The School Committee of Middleborough to whom was referred the matter of renumbering the School Districts in Town report

That the district heretofore known as No 1 shall be called No 1

Annual March Meeting by adjournment Continued

That the three districts united in Eadyville shall be called No 2 the district at the green shall be called as heretofore No 3 the district at Nuttrock No 4 the district in which George Wood lives No 5 the district on the Thompson road No 6 that at Rocky meadows No 7 that at Thomastown No 8 that at Popes point No 9 that at Spruce meeting house No 10 that at James town that on the Highlands in which Dr Snow lives No 12 that at the rock No 13 that at Fall Brook No 14 that at the lotlands heretofore known as No 15 shall be No 15 that at Wappanochet No 16 that formed by the union of 17 & 18 at mud mill No 17 that at the four corners No 18 that in which Deacon Sampson formerly lived No 19 that at Jitticut where school house is situated between the two meeting houses No 20 the other district in Jitticut heretofore known as No 21 shall continue to be No 21 that in which Daniel Allen resides heretofore known as No 23 shall be No 22

heard the report of Elisha Seave in relation to the liquor agency accepted and is on file

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 2^d article

Voted and made choice of the following persons for hearing inspectors viz

Elnathan W. Wilbur
John C. Perkins Elizer Cuswell Edward G. Perkins
Syronus Hinckley Thomas Pratt Cushman Prugham
James W. Warren Ezra Chase Keuben H. Simmons
James Warren James Bacon Arnold Leach
Charles South Albert Thomas J. W. Thompson
Joel W. Ledy Sanford L. Mordock

Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the town voted to make surveyors of Highways collectors of their own bills

Voted to expel Edward G. Perkins from serving
Surveyors of Highways

Voted and made choice of Elisha Dunham Surveyor of Highways

Annual March Meeting by adjournment Continued

Voted and made choice of Horatio Thomas to take charge of the Town House the ensuing year

Article 15th

Voted that all future town meeting be notified in the Somerset Gazette at least seven days before the meeting

Article 2^d Voted and made choice of Edward Adams Surveyor of Highways Anad Bryant Esquire

Voted that each Surveyor of Highways request all persons to work their highway taxes by the first of October next should there be any taxes not worked or paid the Surveyors are directed to work the same by the fifteenth of October next the apportion are directed to give the Surveyors an order on the Town Treasurer for all the taxes they may have worked and put the same in with the town tax of 1888 of each person who refuses or neglects to work or pay his tax

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next town meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Andrew H. Bates Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 23^d 1855

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough having duly assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday May 23^d 1855 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Wm. Symonds Esq. To-wit: the constables of the Town of Middleborough County of Plymouth State of Massachusetts.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Senators and representatives in the General Court to meet at the Town House in said Town on Wednesday the twenty third day of May inst at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to give in their votes by ballot to the selectmen for or against each of the following proposed articles of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

First Article of Amendment

In all elections of civil officers by the people of this Commonwealth whose election is provided for by the Constitution the person having the highest number of votes shall be deemed and declared to be elected.

Second Article of Amendment

The meeting for the election of Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and representatives shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in September annually but in case of a failure to elect representatives on that day a second meeting shall be holden for that purpose on the fourth Monday of the same month of September.

Third Article of Amendment

Eight councillors shall be annually chosen by the inhabitants of this Commonwealth qualified to vote for Governor. The election of councillors shall be determined by the same rule that is required in the election of Governor. The Legislature at its first session after the amendment shall have been adopted and at its first session after the next state census shall have been

Town Meeting May 23^d 1855 Continued

taken and at its first session after each decennial state census thereafter shall divide the Commonwealth into eight districts of contiguous territory each containing a number of inhabitants as nearly equal as practicable without dividing any town or ward of a city and each entitled to elect one councillor provided however that if at any time the constitution shall provide for the division of the Commonwealth into forty senatorial districts as they shall be from time to time established by the Legislature no person shall be eligible to the office of councillor who has not been an inhabitant of this Commonwealth for the term of five years immediately preceding his election the day and manner of the election the return of the vote upon the declaration of the said election shall be the same as are required in the election of Governor. Whenever there shall be a failure to elect the full number of councillors the vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as is required for filling vacancies in the senate and vacancies occasioned by death removal from the state or otherwise shall be filled in like manner at once or may be after such vacancies shall have happened and that there may be no delay in the organization of the government on the first Monday of January the Governor with at least five councillors for the time being shall as soon as may be examine the returned copies of the records for the election of Governor Lieutenant Governor and councillors and ten days before the said first Monday in January he shall issue his summons to such persons as appear to be chosen to attend on that day to be qualified accordingly and the Secretary shall lay the returns before the senate and House of Representatives on the said first Monday in January to be by them examined and in case of the election of either of said officers the choice shall be by them declared and published but in case there shall be no election of either of said officers the Legislature shall proceed to fill such vacancies in the manner provided in the constitution for the choice of such officers.

Fourth Article of Amendment
The Secretary Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor and Attorney General shall be chosen annually on the day in September prescribed for the election of Governor and each person then chosen as such duty qualified in other respects shall hold his office for the term of one year from the third Wednesday in January next thereafter and until another is chosen and qualified in his stead the qualification of voters the manner of the election the return of the votes and the declaration of the election shall be such as are required in the election of Governor in case of a failure to elect either of said officers on the day in September aforesaid or in case of the decease in the term of the person elected as such officer shall be chosen on or before the third Wednesday in January next thereafter from the two persons who had the highest number of votes for said offices on the day in September aforesaid by joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in one room and in case the office of Secretary or Treasurer and Receiver General or Auditor or Attorney General shall become vacant from any cause during an annual or special session of the General Court such vacancy shall in like manner be filled by choice from the people at large but if such vacancy shall occur at any time it shall be supplied by the Governor by appointment with the advice and consent of the Council the person so chosen or appointed shall be qualified in other respects shall hold his office until his successor is chosen and shall qualify in his stead in case any person chosen or appointed either of the offices aforesaid shall neglect for the space of ten days after he could otherwise enter upon his duties to qualify himself in all respects to enter upon the discharge of such duties the office to which he has been elected or appointed shall be deemed vacant

no person shall be eligible to either of said offices unless he shall have been an inhabitant of this Commonwealth five years next preceding his election or appointment

Fifth Article of Amendment
All monies raised by taxation in the towns and cities for the support of public schools and all monies which may be appropriated by the State for the support of common schools shall be applied to and expended in no other schools than those which are conducted according to law under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town or city in which the money is to be expended and such monies shall never be appropriated to any religious sect for the maintenance exclusively of its own schools

Sixth Article of Amendment
The Legislature shall prescribe by general law for the election of Sheriffs registers of probate commissioners of insolvency and clerks of the courts by the people of the several counties and that District Attorneys shall be chosen by the people of the several districts for such term of office as the Legislature shall prescribe

You are also further required to notify and warn all the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the same place and on the same day at 3 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st to choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2^d to see if the Town will vote to let off Joseph H. Sears and Leonard Driggs with their carts and wheels from school District No. 3 to school District No. 4 and to act thereon.
- 3^d To see what action the town will take in relation to repairing the rocky gutter road so called also the road leading from the France school house so called to the House of William Steward
- 4th to see what action the town will take in reference to the removal of fences or obstructions within the limits of the Highways in the town

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Town Meeting May 23^d 1855 Continued

5th To see if the Town will accept as a publick Highway the Street called High Street commencing near the Depot of the Fall River Rail Road Co thence easterly along said Street so far as it is now opened thence to the New Bedford Road between the Houses of J. Cady Esq and James H. Hartness as laid out by the Selectmen upon the petition of Dr G. King and Others
6th To see what the Town will do in relation to requiring dam owners to furnish grates below their dams and to act any thing there on
And you are directed to serve this warrant in the manner described by the date of the Town seven days before the time of said meeting Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting
Given under our hands this 14th day of May in the year 1855

Joseph T. Wood } Selectmen
Lewis Soule }
Nathaniel Thurtell } Middleborough

Plymouth Co By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in election and Town affairs by having the within published in the Barnstable Gazette as voted by 2^d Town giving seven day notice

Middleboro May 23/55 Milton Alden Constable

The following is the vote on the proposed articles of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth

First article of Amendment	40
Second article of Amendment	46
Third article of Amendment	44
Fourth article of Amendment	45
Fifth article of Amendment	48
Sixth article of Amendment	41
Seventh article of Amendment	50

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And made choice of Nathan King Esq Moderator
Voted that the request of Joseph L. Pease and Leonard Briggs be complied with which was to set them off with their lots and estates from School Districts to School Districts
Voted that the repairing of the Rocky Gutter Pond be put into the hands of the Selectmen
also the Road leading from the Truro School House so called to the House of William Atwood
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to cause the fences in the Highway leading from George B. Washburn to Levi Thomas to be removed forthwith
Voted to pass over the consideration of the fifth article
Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to confer with all Dam owners and report at the next Town Meeting
Voted and made choice of J. W. Thompson C. Robinson Esq and W. B. Wood Esq said Committee
Voted that this meeting be dissolved
Attest Andrew C. Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment from April 2^d 1855 this meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment May 23 Nathan King Esq Moderator present

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the second article
Voted and made choice of Wm B. Wood Field Officer
Voted and made choice of Nathan Williams Levi Good and Ira Bryant Surveyors of Highways
Voted to excuse Edward Adams from serving Surveyor
Voted to proceed to the consideration of the seventh article
Voted to accept of the reports of the Overseers of Poor of 1854-55 and have them published in the Barnstable Gazette
Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen in relation to revising the jury box
Voted to take up the 9th article
Voted that the sum of thirty five hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of Schools the present year

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Town Meeting May 23^d 1835 Continued

Voted that one Sixth of the Money be divided on the District except the nine which shall be distributed with the School Committee. The remainder on the School.
Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at 8 o'clock P.M.
Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting July 2^d 1835

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday July 2^d pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz
Plymouth

To William Alden Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of July next at 8 o'clock P.M. to act in the following articles Viz
1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
2^d To See what the Town will do in relation to a summons to the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to appear before the Court of Common Pleas to be hold at Plymouth on the second Monday of August next then and there to answer to Joshua Cady of said Middleborough in a action of Contract

and to do every thing thereon
3^d To hear the report of the Committee appointed to bound the several School Districts in Town and to accept the same or to do every thing in relation thereto as the Town may see cause

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Town Meeting July 8th 1835 Continued

and you are to serve this Warrant in the manner prescribed by a vote of said Town seven days at least before the time of said Meeting
To read said report and make return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon at the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands this eighth day of June A.D. 1835

Joseph T. Wood } Selectmen
Lewin South }
Nathaniel Thurstuff } Middleborough

Plymouth 8th June 1835 By Order of the within Warrant
I have caused the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to be notified to meet as within directed by having this Warrant published in the Standard Gazette in due and directed William Alden Constable of Middleborough to do so and have chosen of him to Wood Moderator
4th Voted to direct Joshua Cady demand against the Town
Voted and have chosen of him to Wood a Committee to settle with Joshua Cady

5th Heard the report of a Committee chosen at a previous Meeting in relation to bounding the several School Districts in Town

Voted to receive the report
Voted that this Meeting be adjourned

Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Annals March 4th 1835 by adjournment from May 23^d 1835 this Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment July 2^d Nathan King Esq. Attorney being there at called by name and have chosen of him to Wood Moderator and no business coming before the meeting it was Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting to be held in this place at 8 o'clock P.M.
Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting Oct 1st 1855

Plymouth p. To Milton Alden Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of October next at 2 O'clock P.M. and on following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2^d To vote if the Town will appropriate a suitable sum of money to build and repair the highway from Haven Brook to Kimball's Cove according to the laying out of the County Commissioners upon the Petition of J. C. Wood
- 3^d To see if the Town will cause the Highways of the Town over the summit of Pease near the mouth of Pease & Wood to be widened and cut any thing thereon
- 4th To see what action the Town will take in relation to the Petition of the Trustees of Middleborough Jail Road Company to the County Commissioners of this County for leave to lay the Highway leading from the Town House in Middleborough to the highway known as the Old Mountain Road and Middleborough Road at a point now and about one eighth of a mile north of said Town House and also the Petition of Joshua Wood and others to the County Commissioners to widen and straighten the Highway from the School House near Dr. Putnam's Station House past the House of Levi Linkham to the Fall Brook School House
- 5th To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Selectmen defining the Jurisdiction of the several School Districts in Town to do any thing thereon
- 6th To direct the Town Clerk to advise their Treasurer to have done by the School Teachers and act any thing thereon and to see whether required to do in this warrant or otherwise it in the manner prescribed by said Town

Witness my hand and seal of said Town at Middleborough this 28th day of September 1855

Town Meeting Oct 1st 1855 Continued

Warrant and of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said Meeting Given under our hands this 28th day of September 1855
Middleborough
Joseph T. Wood } Selectmen
Levi Linkham }
Anthony Smith }
Plymouth p. To Milton Alden Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of October next at 2 O'clock P.M. and on following articles to wit

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- 4th To see what action the Town will take in relation to the Petition of the Trustees of Middleborough Jail Road Company to the County Commissioners of this County for leave to lay the Highway leading from the Town House in Middleborough to the highway known as the Old Mountain Road and Middleborough Road at a point now and about one eighth of a mile north of said Town House and also the Petition of Joshua Wood and others to the County Commissioners to widen and straighten the Highway from the School House near Dr. Putnam's Station House past the House of Levi Linkham to the Fall Brook School House
- 5th To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Selectmen defining the Jurisdiction of the several School Districts in Town to do any thing thereon
- 6th To direct the Town Clerk to advise their Treasurer to have done by the School Teachers and act any thing thereon and to see whether required to do in this warrant or otherwise it in the manner prescribed by said Town

Witness my hand and seal of said Town at Middleborough this 28th day of September 1855

Nov. Meeting, Oct 1st 1853 Continued

road Southwesterly from the house where Ed Francis Alvord
and line there running in a south westerly direction in
a direct line to Green Brook where Bennett's Brook
intersects with it thence following Green Brook down
to Lutter Place crossing the same over there down the
brook towards there and south to Toulax line thence
running in the line of Toulax and Seymour to the
bound first mentioned

No. 2

Hesterville

Bound as follows Beginning at the Stone bound
between the town of Hesterburgh and Seymour
thence also a bound of 10 rods running in the southerly
line of 10 rods to the intersection of Bennett's brook with Green
brook thence following Bennett's brook to its source origin
North thence west thence in a southerly direction in a direct
line crossing Green Brook to a stake and stone on the
northerly side of Seymour West 10 rods Easterly from the
stone of the line of Green Brook thence in a south westerly
direction in a direct line to a stone bridge on Seymour
Street between the house of Walter H. Shaw and David
Cushman thence in an Easterly direction in a direct line
to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Green Brook
thence 10 rods from Stone West thence Easterly in a direct
line to a stake and stone on the Easterly side of Hatter Hill
10 rods from Stone West thence in the last named corner
in a direct line to Green Brook running southerly in
the line of Green Brook and Seymour to the bound first mentioned

No. 3

Green

Bound as follows Beginning at a stake and stone
in the middle of Green Brook Seymour West 10 rods thence
to the house of the late Dr. John L. Smith which point is also
a bound to a stake thence in a south Easterly direction
in the line of Green Brook thence up said

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Brook to Stake West thence in a south westerly direction
in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly
side of Chestnut Street 10 rods Easterly from Markham
Corner (to Cedar) thence in a southerly direction in a direct
line to a point on the southerly side of West Street at the corner of
the land of Joshua Wood and Henry South thence in a southerly
direction in a direct line to a stake and stone on the
Easterly side of Jackson Street half way between the house
of Joshua Wood and Thetamar Spiller thence in the last
named corner in a direct line to a stake thence in a south westerly
direction in a direct line to the bridge over the Hatter Hill
River near the Lower Factory thence down said river 20
rods thence in a South Easterly direction in a direct line to
a stake and stone on the southerly side of Seymour
Street 10 rods Easterly from the house of Joseph A. Shaw
and Capt Leonard Briggs thence in an Easterly direction
to a point on the southerly side of Seymour Street at the
corner of the land of Elijah and Ira Shaw and Amasa
Thompson and between their two houses thence in the same
course to Green Brook thence southerly in the line of 10 rods
and 2 to the bound first mentioned

No. 4

Hatter Hill

Bound as follows Beginning at a stake and stone on
the southerly side of Seymour Street 10 rods Easterly from
the house of Shaw & Briggs which point is also a bound
of 10 rods thence in an Easterly direction in the line of 10 rods
to a stake thence in a north westerly direction in a direct line
to a point on present West Street where the southerly line of
the land of the heirs of Gen. Will. Warburton crosses said
West Street thence also North 10 rods thence in a southerly
direction in a direct line to a stake and stone on the
southerly side of Seymour Street near the house of Lot J. McKim thence
in a south westerly direction in a direct line to a stake
and stone on the southerly side of West Street at the south
westerly corner of the land of Col. Charles Seale

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thence in a south westerly direction to a point on Maple Hill where Purchase brook crosses it. Thence in an easterly direction to a stake and stone on the westerly side of Oak Street 10 rods southerly from the first stone. Thence in an easterly direction to a stake and stone on the easterly side of Oak Street 10 rods southerly from Oak Street thence in a south westerly direction to the Somerset river where the line of old houses ends. Thence in the easterly line of old to the second first mentioned.

No 3 North District

Bounded as follows. Beginning at a point on the Somerset river 20 rods below John Barrows dam thence easterly in a direct line to a stone bridge on Summer street 10 rods southerly from Purchase Hill thence in a direct line 1/4 mile thence in a northerly direction in a direct line to a stone bridge on First Street a few rods southerly from the house of Abel Corney thence in the same course to Somerset river. Thence following down said river to the mouth of Somerset river thence up the said Somerset river to the second first mentioned.

No 4 Thompson District

Bounded as follows. Beginning at a point on Green Brook in the easterly line of old and at the corner of old house on the southerly line of old to the 1st corner of old thence southerly in the easterly line of old to the 2nd corner of old thence southerly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Green Street 10 rods from the 1st corner of the land of Capt. Webster thence following an old road to the Thompson Street thence southerly in a direct line to the 1st corner of old thence southerly in the easterly line of old to the second first mentioned.

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No 5 Rocky Meadow

Bounded as follows. Beginning on Purchase Street at the brook east of the house of George Thomas thence running due south to the southerly line of old thence in the southerly line of old to Carter line thence southerly in Carter line to Rocky Meadow brook near Paper point thence up said brook and a branch of the same to the bound first mentioned.

No 6 Westminster

Bounded as follows. Beginning on Purchase Street at the brook east of the house of George Thomas which point is also a corner of old thence due south in the line of old in a direct line to a stake and stone on the East line of Purchase Street half way between the houses of Dr. A. H. Weston and Colonel S. Carter on said Street thence in the same course to the center of Litcham pond thence in a direct line to the outlet of said brook thence running in said brook to the mouth of the brook running from Green Pond thence southerly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Litcham Street 30 rods southerly from the house of the late Benjamin the house of Luther Shaw. Thence southerly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Thomas Street 10 rods southerly from the first corner and the house of Daniel Chapman. Thence in the same course to the southerly line of old thence in the southerly line of old to the easterly line of old thence in the southerly and southerly line of old to the 1st corner of old thence southerly in the line of old to the bound first mentioned.

No 7 Upper Green

Bounded as follows. Beginning at a point on Carter line where said line is crossed by South brook thence running up said brook to a point where said line is

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junction of East & West Rocky Cuts. thence up the Rocky Cut to the top of the hill thence north to the S. E. corner of lot 8 thence north in the line of lot 8 to the house of Charles Thomas thence down said brook which is also a line of lot 8 to lower line thence in curve line to the bound first mentioned

Lot 10 South Middleborough

Boundaries as follows Beginning on Beaver street at a brook between the houses of Ezra Mayhew and Simon Benson thence following said brook northward to the Cape Cod Road thence northward in said Road to the southerly line of lot 12 hereinafter mentioned thence northward in the southerly line of lot 12 to a stake and stone on the westerly side of Mayhew street 25 rods southerly from the house of Simon S. Wilbur thence in the same course to the first pond & other brook thence following down said brook to its junction with West Rocky Cut brook thence southerly in a direct line to a brook emptying into West East of the house of Benjamin Jefferson thence down said brook to junction Line thence southerly in hooker line to a brook at the S. E. corner of lot 12 hereinafter mentioned thence up said brook to south Main thence southerly in a direct line to the bound first mentioned

Lot 11 Beaver

Boundaries as follows Beginning at Double Brook where it crosses Beaver street thence down said brook to lower line thence following southerly in curve line to Mayhew line thence southerly in southerly in Mayhew line to a brook at the S. E. corner of lot 10 thence southerly in the line of lot 10 to the junction of East and West Rocky Cuts brook with South brook thence down Double Brook to the bound first mentioned

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Lot 12 Highlands

Boundaries as follows Beginning at a stake and stone on the West side of Highlands street 25 rods southerly from the house of Jacob Dunham thence southerly in the southerly line of lot 12 hereinafter mentioned to the Cape Cod Road thence southerly in the southerly line of lot 12 to where a brook crosses Spruce street thence down said brook also a line of lot 12 to hooker line thence southerly in hooker line to settlement brook thence up said brook and thence north to the southerly line of lot 12 thence southerly in the southerly line of lot 12 to the bound first mentioned

Lot 13 Rock

Boundaries as follows Beginning at a stake and stone on the East side of Highlands street 25 rods southerly from the house of Jacob Dunham thence southerly in a direct line to the corner of Perry and Miller streets thence southerly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Talbot street 10 rods southerly from Hooker street thence in the same course to the Cape Cod Road thence southerly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Mayhew street half way between the houses of John Carter and John Marshall thence southerly in a direct line to the S. E. corner of lot 8 thence in the line of lot 8 to lot 9 thence southerly in the line of lot 9 to Rocky Cut brook thence what it is known to the Rocky Cut brook thence down said brook to the southerly corner of lot 10 thence southerly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the southerly side of Mayhew street 25 rods southerly from the house of Simon S. Wilbur thence in the same course in a direct line in the southerly line of lot 10 to the bound first mentioned

Lot 14 Hill Brook

Boundaries as follows Beginning at a stake and stone on the East side of Mayhew street half way between the houses of John Carter and John Marshall thence

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Westerly in the line of St 13 to the Cape Cod Rail Road
 then Northerly in a direct line to where Fall Brook
 crosses Cherry Street near the house of Abraham Thomas
 then in a direct line to a stake and stone on the
 south side of Wood Street 16 rods Easterly from the house
 of Thomas Wood thence following Easterly in said Street
 to the rear corner at the barnyard, around near Capt
 Abraham Bryants thence North Easterly in a direct line
 to a stake and stone on the Westerly side of Marchmont
 Street 46 rods Easterly from the corner of Marchmont
 and Wood Street thence Easterly in a direct line to
 the S. E. corner of St 8 thence South Easterly in the line
 of St 8 to the line of St 8 thence South Easterly in the Westerly
 line of St 8 to the S. E. corner of St 13 thence Westerly
 in the Easterly line of St 13 to the bound first mentioned

St 15

Neplands

Bound as follows Beginning in Thompson Street
 at its East end of Main Street thence running Westerly
 in said Street to a stake and stone at the S. E. corner
 of St 6 thence South Easterly to the S. E. corner of St 6 thence
 Easterly in the East line of St 6 to a stone bridge on
 Foxe Street thence from the head of said Foxe Street
 thence in the same course to Sawden River thence up
 said River to Watford line thence Easterly in Watford
 line to the S. E. corner of St 1 and S. E. corner of St 6
 thence Westerly in the Easterly line of St 6 to the
 bound first mentioned

St 16

Wappanuck

Bound as follows Beginning in Lakerille line on the
 East side of the bridge of the Cape Cod Rail Road
 over the Taunton River thence Northerly in a direct
 line to a stake and stone on the South side of Wood Street 16 rods Easterly
 from the house of Thomas Wood thence South Easterly in the line
 of St 13 to the Easterly bound of St 13 thence South Easterly
 in the East line of St 13 to a stake and stone on the South

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Side of Main Street 16 rods East ^{from} said Street thence in
 the same course in the line of St 13 to the S. E. corner of St 13 thence
 after mentioned thence due East to a stone bridge in said Street
 between the houses of Abraham Cookman and Gilbert Peirce
 thence in the same course to Lakerille line thence in Lakerille
 line Easterly to the bound first mentioned

St 17

St 17

Bound as follows Beginning at a stone bridge on Foxe Street
 between the house of Gilbert Peirce and Abraham Cookman
 thence due East to the Easterly line of St 13 thence South Easterly in the
 line of St 13 to the corner of Miller and Foxe Street thence
 Easterly in the Easterly line of St 13 to Miller Street thence
 down said street and Miller Street to Foxe Street line
 thence in Foxe Street line to Lakerille line thence in Lakerille
 line to the S. E. corner of St 16 thence due East
 to the bound first mentioned

St 18

St 18

Corners

Bound as follows Beginning in Lakerille line on the
 Easterly side of the bridge of the Cape Cod Rail Road over
 the Taunton River thence Northerly in Lakerille line to where the
 road of Taunton Street thence North Easterly in a direct line to a
 stake and stone on the Easterly side of Taunton Street 83
 rods Easterly from the South end of Green Street thence South Easterly
 in a direct line to a stake and stone on the East side of Center
 Street 14 rods Easterly from Cray Hill thence South Easterly in a
 direct line to where Lakerille Brook crosses Miller Street thence
 Easterly in a direct line to a stake and stone on the Easterly
 side of Oak Street 10 rods from South Street thence Easterly
 in a direct line to a stake and stone on the Easterly side of
 South Street 10 rods from Oak Street thence South Easterly
 in a direct line to Taunton River at the S. E. corner of St 3
 thence up said river to the bridge near the Old Taunton (or Cotton)
 House in the Westerly line of St 3 to the South corner of St 14 thence
 Westerly in the line of St 14 to a stake and stone on the

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Westerly side of Warheim Street between Westerly from the
corner of Warheim and Wood Street thence in a direct line
to the N. E. corner at the burying ground near Abraham's Farm
thence following in the street to a stake and thence on the
Westerly side of Wood Street to pass Easterly from the house
of Thomas Wood thence North Westerly in the line of No 16
to the house first mentioned

24619 Purchase

Commenced as follows Beginning in Plymouth Street where
 a brook crosses said street near the house of Col. J. Weston
 in the line of St. 14 to a stake and stone on the Easterly side
 of both St. 14 at the North West corner of the lot of Col.
 Charles Noble thence South Westerly in the line of St. 4
 to a stone Purchase book corner Maple Street thence South
 in a direct line to a stake and stone on the Southern
 side of Maple Street 12 rods Easterly from the house where
 Weston lived and then thence Easterly in a direct line
 to a stake and stone on the Southern side of Purchase Street
 10 rods Westerly from the house of Genl. H. Carter thence Southward
 in a direct line to the North Easterly corner of the Cemetery
 near S. J. and J. Richardson thence in the same course
 in a direct line to Jonathan River thence up Jonathan
 river to the mouth of the stream thence up the stream
 to the N. W. corner of St. 5 thence Easterly in the line of St. 5
 a distance of 10 rods thence East in the line of St. 5
 to the line of St. 15 thence Southwesterly in the line of St. 15 to
 a stake and stone on Pine Street at the N. W. corner
 of St. 6 thence Southwesterly in the line of St. 6 to the N. E.
 corner of St. 12 thence Southwesterly in the Southwesterly line
 of St. 12 to the second line mentioned

20/21	Titicut	East
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bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on
 town with stone at the S.W. corner of the cemetery

Ann Meeting Oct 1st 1853 Continued

From Alexander Spicknards River Southwesterly in the line of lot 19
to doct; thence Westerly in a direct line to a stake and thence
on the West side of the Turnpike at a corner of the West end
of the house of Geo L. Tannay; thence North Westerly to a point
at the corner of Plymouth and Stewart Streets & doct; Northwesterly
from the S E corner of the Congregationalist Parsonage
thence due North to Tannins River thence up said River to the
N W corner of lot 19 thence Southwesterly in the line of lot 19 to
the bound first mentioned

Q1624 Titicut West

Boundaries as follows. Beginning at a stake and well in the West side of the Turnpike at a corner of the north house of the House of Asa L. Sargent thence South by via a direct line crossing Centre Street to a stake and stone in the West side of Mount Street thence South by from the house of Josiah Robinson thence in the Town course to Lashelle's line thence following in Lashelle's line to Lashelle's river thence up Lashelle river to the N. W. corner of St. St. thence South by in the line of Neko to the bound first mentioned.

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bounded as follows: Beginning at a Stake and Stone on the West side of the Turnpike at the corner of the field South of the house of Eben L. Towsley which house is also a bound of lots 20 and 21 thence easterly in the southerly line of lot 20 to the Westerly line of lot 19 thence southerly in the Westerly line of lot 19 to a well marked Apple Tree proper Maple Street thence Easterly in the Easterly line of lot 18 to the 1/2 mile line thence South Westerly in the 1/2 mile line to the S E corner of lot 21; thence southerly in the Easterly line of lot 21 to the second first mentioned.

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Joseph Bush } Collectors
Lewis Louie } of
Chauncey Sharbiff } Middlebury

Town Meeting Oct 1st 1855 Continued

Article 6th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to hire twelve hundred dollars to pay the School Teachers.
Voted that this meeting be now dissolved.
Attest Andrew A. Eaton Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting by Adjournment
The meeting was taken up Oct 1st pursuant to Adjournment from July 4th Nathan King, Esq. Moderator and under his direction Voted that the Herring money be divided on the resident Tax payers equally no one to receive more than the amount of his or her Tax.
Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Solomon Kinchless and then H. Woods both against the Town which of Voted to raise the sum of eight thousand three hundred and fifty dollars by Tax the present year for the current expenses of the Town.
Voted that there be appointed a ^{body} Committee on or before the first day of December.
Voted that the Taxes be collected the same as last year except September.
Voted that there be no Disbursement of Working Taxes.
Voted that the time be extended to the 15th of December for the Towns of Hingham to make out their Taxes.
Voted that the Collector be instructed to issue Townsman on the first day of April 1856 and have 20 cts for each Townsman.
Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 8 o'clock P.M.
Attest Andrew A. Eaton Town Clerk

Governors Meeting Nov 6th 1855

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough and Lakeville being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Tuesday Nov 6th 1855 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and return of which the following is a true copy viz
Plymouth ss

To Milton Allen Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and cause all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough and Lakeville qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said Town of Middleborough on Tuesday the sixth day of November next it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act in the following business namely

- 1st To determine the number of Representatives the said Town will choose the present year
- 2^d To bring in their votes to the selectmen for Governor Lieutenant Governor Attorney General Secretary of State Treasurer and Auditor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and two Senators for the District of Plymouth and one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be taken in Boston the first Wednesday in January next and also at the same time to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer Register of Deeds and one County Commissioner for the County of Plymouth and open one ballot the polls will be open from ten o'clock A.M. until two o'clock P.M.

And you are further required to serve this warrant by causing it to be published in the Barnstable Gazette seven days at least and by posting up attested copies of the same at the Meeting Houses in Lakeville at least eight days before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year 1855
Joseph J. Wood } Selectmen
Lewis South }
Nathaniel Harlow }

Governors Meeting Nov 6th 1855. Continued

Plymouth's November 8th 1855 by letter of the within
 warrant I have caused the inhabitants of the town of
 Middleborough & Leherette to be notified as within
 directed by publishing & putting up notices at the
 several Meeting Houses in the above named towns

Milton Eldon Constable of Middleborough
 Voted to send two representatives to the next General Court
 The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor
 Lieutenant Governor Attorney General Secretary of
 State Treasurer and Auditor of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts and two Senators for the District of Plymouth
 and two Representatives to represent the town in the next
 General Court to be holden in Boston the first Thursday
 in January next also gave their votes for County
 Treasurer Register of Deeds and one County Commissioner
 for the County of Plymouth all upon one Ballot
 with the following result viz

For Governor

Henry J. Gardner	had	342	Votes
William Rockwell	"	128	"
Erasmus L. Beach	"	207	"
Samuel W. Waller	"	57	"

For Lieutenant Governor

Henry W. Beachley	had	341	Votes
Charles Nelson	"	206	"
Simson Brown	"	126	"
Moses Garsport	"	57	"

For Attorney General

Robert H. Nelson	had	340	Votes
John J. Lord	"	216	"
C. Archibald Hear	"	126	"
Stephen A. Chapman	"	59	"

For Secretary of State

Charles W. W. H.	had	341	Votes
Jonathan C. Felt	"	216	"

Governors Meeting Nov 6th 1855. Continued

George F. Williams	had	126	Votes
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Wendell J. Davis	"	39	"
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For Treasurer and Receiver General

Moses Tenney Jr	had	341	Votes
Stephen S. Smith	"	209	"
Thomas J. Alcott	"	126	"
John Sargent	"	60	"

For Auditors of Accounts

Chandler H. Spenser	had	343	Votes
Giles H. Whitney	"	211	"
Stephen A. Gifford	"	126	"
Joseph Mitchell	"	60	"

For Senators for Plymouth County

Samuel King	had	338	Votes
Amos Bates	"	339	"
William C. Lord	"	216	"
Leah C. De Vin	"	199	"
Benjamin W. Harris	"	126	"
Charles F. Smith	"	120	"
Benjamin King	"	58	"
William Sargent	"	39	"

For Register of Deeds

Samuel H. Patten	had	541	Votes
William C. Sprague	"	139	"

For County Treasurer

William H. Sears	had	685	Votes
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For County Commissioners

William H. Cooper	had	333	Votes
Chandler Sprague	"	208	"
Samuel Nelson	"	125	"
Isaacus Parker	"	64	"

General Meeting Nov 6th 1855 Continued

The Representatives to General Court			
Thomas Standis	had	324	Votes
Jesse Swift	"	326	"
William H. [unclear]	"	139	"
Oliver [unclear]	"	127	"
George H. Wood	"	182	"
William Benson	"	263	"
Henry Sampson	"	32	"
Oliver Eaton	"	33	"
Wood Bryant	"	1	"
W. Johnson	"	1	"
Henry H. Wood	"	1	"
Daniel Allen	"	1	"
James Washburn	"	1	"
C. L. Churchill	"	1	"
O. [unclear]	"	1	"
Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk			

Annual March Meeting of March 12th 1855

This meeting was taken up Dec 6th 1855 pursuant to Adjournment from Oct 1st 1855 nothing being by Moderation being absent

Voted by ballot and made choice of Nathaniel Burroughs Moderator Peter and no business came before the meeting it was

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next town meeting in this place at 10 past 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting Dec 31st 1855

Wymouth

To William Allen Constable of the Town of Wymouth in greeting in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we are hereby required to notify all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in said town appear to meet at the house in said town on Monday the 31st of Dec last at one o'clock P.M. to act in the following articles to wit

1st To see if the town will vote to pay for said lot which the Overseers of the Poor have purchased in behalf of the town and to authorize some person to receive the deed of the same and to and to act any thing therein

2d To see what action the town will take in relation to the sale of town maps and to act any thing therein

3d To see what the town will do in reference to a petition of Joshua Wood and others in School District No 1

requiring the opinion of the town in relation to expending of raising such a sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of removing and repairing the school house in said district and also to pay for the lot purchased of David Miller the school having refused to purchase for their purpose and to act any thing therein

4th To see what the town will do in relation to a petition from the County Commissioners of a petition for them to build the Highway in the town of Carver and Middleborough laid out by said Commissioners in the petition of Ebenezer Fuller and others and to act therein

And you are further directed to serve this warrant by causing it to be published in the town bet Gazette as directed by a vote of the town

Given under our hands this 20th day of December 1855

Joseph T. Wood } Selectmen
Lewis Soule }
Nathaniel Smith } Middleborough

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #107
TOWN RECORDS 1855-1859, 16:331-398 Holbrook

Town Meeting Dec 31st 1835 Continued

Resolved to give notice of the warrant & notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet as within directed by saying this warrant published in the Fremont Gazette as within directed. Milton Alden Constable of said Town Peter and Isaac Choise of the Wood Exp. Moderator Poted by Ballot and Isaac Choise of Everett Robinson Clerk Boston Town by the Wood Exp. Moderator Poted that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized to take a receipt for the Town and pay for the Wood Exp. mentioned in said article.

Article 2^d Poted that the Town Clerk be authorized to have charge of the Maps of the Town Poted that the Town Clerk sell the Mounted Maps for one dollar each and the plane ones for two shillings each.

Article 3^d Poted to pass over this Article Article 4th Poted to choose a Committee to build the Highway laid out in the Town of Middleborough by the County Commissioners in the Section of Ebenezer Fuller and others and chose the Selectmen said Committee Poted that this meeting be more dispensed (Attest Ebenezer Fuller Secy. for the Town)

Annual March Meeting of March 12th 1835

This meeting was taken up Dec 31st 1835 pursuant to agreement from Nov 6th 1835 Nathan Thing Exp. Moderator being absent Poted by Ballot and Isaac Choise of the Wood Exp. Moderator Poted by Ballot and Isaac Choise of the Wood Exp. Moderator

and no business coming before the meeting it was Poted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting in this place at two o'clock P.M.

(Attest)

Ebenezer Fuller Secy. for the Town

Annual March Meeting March 3rd 1836

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 3rd 1836 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz
Plymouth Co

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of March next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town Officers
- 3^d To see if the Town will authorize the Teachers Committee of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers in their School Districts the present year
- 4th To choose a board of Auditors to examine Claims against the Town and order payment thereof
- 5th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year
- 6th To hear the reports of any Officers agents or committees of the Town and to act thereon
- 7th To raise such sum of Money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year to determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated
- 8th To settle accounts against the Town and act thereon
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer report the condition of the Treasurer and estimate for a Tax for the ensuing year
- 10th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to have Money to pay School Teachers the present year
- 11th To take such action in regard to the Town right of taking and disposing of the almoner the present

- year as may be in accordance with an act to regulate the Fisheries in the Tannation Great River and the Nemasket River passed by the Legislature of this State in 1838 and to act any thing therein
- 12th To bring in their ballots for three or more persons per fish Watsons
- 13th To see if the Town instruct the selectmen to cause a report to be made to the Town of the particular in relation to the agency for the Salt Springs License and to act any thing therein in which the Town shall see cause as petitioned for by Chisha Pierce and others
- 14th To see if the Town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen field drivers shall be Town pounds as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen Pound keepers
- 15th To see if the Town will rebuild the bridge over the Nemasket River where it is crossed by Green Street and act any thing therein in accordance with the petition of William B. Wood and others
- 16th To choose some one to take charge of the Town House
- 17th To see if the Town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year and act thereon
- 18th To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers to the then to contract with some person to take charge of the school house and act thereon
- 19th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the Towns shares of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Rail Road Corporation in the Meeting of the same the present year

Whereas the order directed to issue this warrant by causing it to be published in the Nemasket Gazette in due season and form as the foregoing

Whereof full and true make return of the warrant and your doings therein to the Town Clerk at

or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Joseph J. Wood } Selectmen
Lewis Soule }
Nathaniel Whitteff } Middleborough

Plymouth 3^d March 1856 by virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on the third day of March as within directed by having this warrant published in the Nemasket Gazette two weeks

Milton Alden Constable of Middleborough Article 1st Voted by Ballot and made choice of Wm H. Wood Esq Moderator

2^d Voted by Ballot and made choice of Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk and he was sworn to by the Moderator

Voted to Choose three Selectmen

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Benjamin P. Wood Lewis Soule and Cornelius B. Wood for Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen be Assessors

Voted to Choose five School Committee

Voted by Ballot and made choice of J. M. Harten Cornelius B. Wood J. M. Wood J. M. Harten and E. Sandy for School Committee

Voted to Choose three Overseers of the Poor

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Nathan King Isaac Lane and Peter Vaughan for Overseers of the Poor

Voted to Choose nine Constables

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Milton Alden James Coley Andrew L. Alden James G. Nichols Amasa Thompson Samuel W. Rider Cyrus Eaton Elijah Hackett and L. G. Pierce for Constables

Annual March Meeting March 3 1836 Continued

Voted to Choose seven Auditors
 Voted by ballot and made Choice of Nathan Stings
 George Leonard; George M. Beach Elijah Hackett
 James G. Cushman Amasa Sampson Elijah C. Perkins
 for Auditors
 Voted to Choose a Committee of three to settle with their friends
 Voted by ballot and made Choice of Wm H. Wood J. B. Shaw
 and Zebulon Pratt said Committee
 Voted to remove Wm H. Wood from serving as Moderator for
 the remainder of this day
 Voted by Ballot and made Choice of Nathan Stings Esq
 Moderator Protem
 Voted to proceed to the Choice of Prudential School Committee
 and made Choice of the following Person viz
 Voted for Le wit C. Bradford 24 D. L. Taber
 " 2 James G. Nichols " 13 George H. Manchester
 " 3 Simon M. Pratt " 14 Zebadiah F. Moore
 " 4 Richard Carter " 15 David Carington
 " 5 Amos Deering " 16 Wm. Waterson
 " 6 Isaac Thompson " 17 Zebulon L. Clark
 " 7 Lot L. Lucas " 18 Wm J. Pierce
 " 8 Stephen Thomas " 19 Sarah Jackson
 " 9 Eli Atwood " 20 Robert Clark
 " 10 Levi Reed " 21 Orlando H. Shaw
 " 11 Solomon L. Harten " 22 Hercules Hackett

Voted and made choice of the following Persons for
 Surveyors of Highways
 Isaac Shurtleff James J. Bump
 Isaac Sault Jr. Elijah Hackett
 Jonathan Cobb & Samuel Rider
 Simon M. Pratt Standish Rider
 Ira S. Shaw Joseph Thomas
 Thomas Weston Amos Thompson
 George Cushman & Justin Andrews
 Isaac J. Cushman Robert Cole

Annual March Meeting March 3 1836 Continued

Reuben Palmer	Sylvia Pierce
Samuel Cushman	Cyrus Eaton
John T. Shaw	Chene Redding
Thomas Cushman	Joshua M. Cady
Eliak Wood	Joshua Lebaron
David H. Loring	Cyrus Smith
Samuel J. Keith	Ira Smith
Frederick W. Reed	Edwara G. Perkins
James W. Warren	George Whitmarsh
Job Haskins	David Carington
Joseph J. Wood	David Alden
Henry C. Bryant	Isaac Shaw Jr
Luther Shaw	Leonard Briggs

Voted and made Choice of the following Persons for
 Fence Viewers and Field Drivers
 Isaac Cushing Joseph Clark David H. Loring
 Carl Alden Henry J. Swift Samuel M. Rider
 Allen Janney Henry J. Alden Chandler & Smith
 Marshal Gibbs James Robbins Alfred Kimball
 Wilson Morse Sylvia Pierce Ezra Kimball
 George W. Wood John G. Vanzon Wm. L. Perkins
 Caleb Alden Howard C. Shaw Edward Adams
 Ira Bryant Philip L. Dean John B. Beals
 Edward Sault Sidney Lusher

Article 14 Voted that the yards of the field drivers shall be taken
 bounds as long as they hold their office
 Voted that the field drivers be bound to keep
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the statement article
 Voted to Choose a Committee of three to make a report
 to be made in relation to the figure land how much our
 Agent has got how much sold at what profit
 and when to
 Voted and made Choice of Nathan Alden David C. Perkins
 and Benjamin J. Wood said Committee
 Voted to instruct the Committee to make a report for our
 Commencing with the new land

✓ Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 11th article

✓ Voted that the Town select the Herring that were

(Mulletts) old Ware (Lower Factory) and Appanumet

✓ Voted to catch the Herring the present year

✓ Voted to choose an Agent to take and dispose of the

Herring the present year

✓ Voted and made choice of Albert Thomas said Agent

✓ Voted that the Inhabitants of Lakenelle shall take the

proportion of the Herring at the price they to pay

their proportion of the expenses

✓ Voted that the Agent be instructed to sell the Herring

to the Inhabitants of this Town at a rate not to exceed

one dollar for hundred the Inhabitants to have the

✓ preference

✓ Voted that the Proceeds of the Herring be divided

equally on all the Poll Tax payers no one to receive

more than the amount of his Tax

✓ Voted that the Prudential Committee be authorized

to contract with Teachers the present year

✓ Voted to authorize the Treasurer to hire money

to pay School Teachers the present year

✓ Voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to present to

each School District in Town one Mounted Map of

the Town except No 18 that he have two paid for by

✓ Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April

at one O'clock P.M.

Attest A.M. Carter Town Clerk

This Meeting was taken up April seventh pursuant

to adjournment from March third Wm A. Heca lig

Moderator and under the 2 article

✓ Voted and made choice of the following Persons

Surveyors of Timber viz

✓ Sidney Eaton John M. Warren William Eaton

✓ Acad Stewes George Cox Israel Smith

✓ Thomas Benson Joshua H. Eaton Andrew C. Wood

✓ David L. Curtis and Consider Smith

✓ Voted and made choice of the following Persons

Surveyors of Wood and Bark viz

✓ Cornelius B. Wood Andrew M. Eaton Thomas L. Wood

✓ J. L. Weston Thomas Pease Alexander Townsend

✓ Amasa Lamb George Cox Sethup Smith

✓ Eliza Pease Mary Bryant Nathaniel Pease

✓ E. H. Waldman George H. Wood & John M. Warren

Attest 12th Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following

Persons Fish Wardens viz

✓ Albert Thomas Ezra Chase Albert Concham

✓ Thomas F. Barden Loyet Peckham Thos. H. South

✓ James W. Warren James Warren Elbridge G. Hale

✓ and Venar Brown

✓ Voted that the Herring Agent be instructed to trade

with the Town at the first Town Meeting after June

✓ Voted that the Selectmen be directed to give to the Poor

Widows in this Town two hundred dollars each

✓ Voted to instruct the Agent to sell the Herring to the

Inhabitants of this Town at a rate not to exceed fifty

cents for hundred no one to have over two hundred

when others are waiting

✓ Voted and made choice of the following Person Surveyors of

the Fish viz

✓ Thos. Pease } Let. Barden } Pease

✓ Thos. C. Barden } Jonathan Cobb } "

✓ John C. Barden } George Cushman } "

✓ John C. Barden } Justin Andrews } "

✓ Henry T. Smith } Henry T. Smith } "

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

which 15th Voted to add two to the Committee Chosen at a previous Meeting in relation to Liquor Traffic
 Voted and made choice of Cornelius B. Wood & Lewis Seale
 which 15th referred to the Selectmen

which 5th Voted that we raise the sum of thirty five hundred dollars for the repair of Roads and Bridges the ensuing year
 Voted that this appropriation be expended in Labour & Material
 Voted that the Surveyor pay fifteen cts per Hour for the faithful Service of a man, and fifteen for Oxen from now till the first day of July, after that 12 cts per hour
 Voted that the several Carters so disreputable with the Surveyor
 Voted that the several Surveyors of the town be directed to cause four p^{ts} or at least of the amount of their taxes to be worked out or in before the first day of July next

Voted that the Surveyor be authorized to work out that amount of their taxes before the bills are Committed
 Voted that the Surveyor be instructed to return their bill to the Town Clerk in or before the first day of May 1857
 to have the amount not paid put into the Money Tax
 Voted to appropriate the sum of thirty five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the present year
 Voted to divide one half of the School money on the District the balance on the School Tax except so far as to be considered one half of a District

which 16th Voted and made choice of Hercules Thomas to take charge of the Town House

which 17th Voted to pay their Treasurer Seventy five dollars for his Services the past year

which 18th Voted to authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with some one to take charge of the Almshouse

which 19th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to represent the Town of Stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Road Corporation in the meetings of the same the present year
 Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the second Monday in May in this place at two o'clock P.M.

Attest A. H. Chase Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 7th 1856

Stamworth to Jo Milton Alden Constable of the Town Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in S^d Town on Monday the seventh day of April next at two o'clock P.M. when and there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2^d To See if the Town will unite School District No 9 in accordance with the vote of S^d District with School District No 2 of Casser & not any thing therein

3^d To See if the town will accept as a town way that part of School St leading from Diller to North St as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Daniel P. Whittemore and others

4th To See if the Town leave all m^{ts} & fences within the limits of the Highways to be removed and not any thing therein

5th To See if the Town will rebuild the bridge & road near Christ Church & not any thing therein as may be Expedient

6th To See what measures the Town will take in relation to the passage of the Billings to the several Towns on Hemphill River

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing the same in the Barnstable Gazette seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of April 1856
 Attest my hand and seal this 7th day of April 1856
 Given under our hands this 7th day of April 1856
 one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Cornelius B. Wood }
 Benj. P. Wood }
 Lewis Seale }

Town Meeting April 7th 1856 Continued

Remond J.
April 4th 1856 By Virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs by having this warrant printed in the Sandwich Gazette two weeks.

Milton Allen Constable of Middleborough
which 1st Voted and passed (here) a Don't Need Exp. Moderate article 2nd Voted to grant the request of the inhabitants of School District No. 9 which was to unite with ^{School} District No. 2 of Carver which 3rd Voted to accept as a town way that part of School Street leading from the North St as laid out by the Selectmen in the petition of Daniel P. Whittemore and others of which the following is a true copy viz

The undersigned Selectmen of Middleborough upon the petition of Daniel P. Whittemore & others have laid out for the use of said Town a town way as follows Commencing at a stake standing on the south west side of North St at the northerly corner of the land of John C. Vaughan thence south 33rd west eighty six rods & ten links to Pierce St at the westerly corner of Silvanus Horses front yard the way to be forty feet wide and to lie on the northwest side of the above line which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. No claim for land damages.

Middleborough March 20th 1856
Carnelius B. Hoey Selectmen
Dwight Wood of
Lewis Soule of Middleborough

article 4th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to cause the Town in short highway leading from Geo. B. Washburn to Levi Thoman to be removed forthwith
article 5th Referred to the Selectmen to report at the next Town Meeting
Voted to adjourn to the second Tuesday in May at two o'clock P.M. (Moses A. M. Carter Town Clerk)

Town Meeting May 12th 1856

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday May 12th 1856 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz

Remond J.
To Milton Allen Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Room in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of May next at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles

- 1st To Choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting
 - 2nd To see what action the town will take in relation to the petition of Lewis Soule & others to the County Commissioners to widen & straighten & new locate the highway leading from the brow of the hill at Aaron Brooks to the house of William Davis by and near the house of the late Dea Calvin Tolson and that said highway leading from the house of Harrison Clark to the house lately owned by John Keith
 - 3rd To see what action the town will take in relation to the petition of James Cole & others to the County Commissioners to widen & straighten the Highway leading from near the house of Thomas Lived to the highway leading from Rochester to Amherst or new locate any part thereof
 - 4th To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to the bridge over the Amherst River on Sabbath St. and Grove St. and act on any thing thereon
 - 5th To see if the Town will authorize some person to conduct for the ensuing town meeting & advertising & act thereon and you are directed to serve this warrant in the mode appointed by said Town
- Witness my hand and seal of the said Town of Middleborough this 12th day of May 1856

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with your names thereon to the Town Clerk at the time
and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this thirteenth day
of April 1856 at Middletown

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Cyrilus B. Wood } Selectmen
Benjamin D. Wood }
Lewis Soule } Middletown

Provenance of May 12th 1856 By virtue of this warrant I have
notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middletown qualified
to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place within
described by annexing this warrant published in the Stamford
 Gazette last week

William Allen Constable of Middletown

Voted by Ballot and Mass Choir of E. Robinson Esq
Moderator

article 2^d Voted to choose a committee to appear before the
County Commissioners and act for the interest of the town

Voted that the Selectmen constitute a committee
article 3^d Voted to refer to the Selectmen with instructions to
act for the interest of the town

article 4th Heard the report of the Selectmen in relation
to the bridges over the Niantic River at
Niantic St and Grove St

Voted to accept of report and the same is on file

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to cause the
the bridge at Niantic St to be built either of wood
or stone or both & bridge to be built either this
or next year

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to call the County
Commissioners if they think it necessary in relation
to the bridge or road

Voted to put the bridge at Grove St into the hands of the
Selectmen to repair or rebuild either of wood or
stone as they may think best

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article 5th

Voted and Mass Choir of Andrew M. Eaton to
contract with some one to do the town printing
and advertising

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved

Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment from
April 7th was taken up pursuant to adjournment

May 12th 1856 Wm H. Wood Esq Moderator being absent

Voted by ballot and Mass Choir of Erast Robinson Esq
Moderator Present

article 6th Heard the report of the Selectmen in relation
to road & accepted and is on file

article 2^d Voted and Mass Choir of the following persons
Surveyors of Highway Levi Reed Esq Johnson
and Loring Bryant

Voted to exempt Henry Swift from serving as surveyor
of Highway

Voted by Ballot and Mass Choir of A. M. Eaton Treasurer

Voted by ballot and Mass Choir of A. M. Eaton Collector

article 8th Voted that Dr. L. A. Hall be referred to a committee
of one for settlement these J. J. Wood & Committee

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the second
Monday in October next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A. M. Eaton Town Clerk

April Meeting by Adjournment from April 7th was taken
up pursuant to adjournment May 12th 1856

Voted (and Mass Choir of J. J. Wood Moderator

article 4th Voted to instruct the selectmen to cause all
fences & walls to be removed where the County Commissioners
have laid out the roads

article 6th Voted to pass over

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved

Attest A. M. Eaton Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

This Meeting was taken up Pursuant to Adjournment October 13th 1856 Wm H. Wood Esq Moderator being absent

Voted by Ballot and made Choice of E Robinson Esq Moderator Protem

Voted to take up the ninth article and under the said article heard the report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer accepted and is on file

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 7th article and under said article Voted to raise the sum of nine thousand and five hundred dollars by Tax the present year for the current expenses of the Town

Tax
9500

Voted that the Tax be Applied on or before the first day of November next

Town
When
to be
Applied
and
how
paid

Voted that all those who pay their taxes in the Months of November or December be Allowed ten per cent discount those who pay in January Six per cent

and those who pay in February three per cent

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to issue Summons on the first day of April 1857 and have 20 cent for each Summons

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with the Town of Southwick in relation to Fessings then the selectmen & Council Article 6th heard the report of the selectmen in relation to jurors accepted

Voted that the names presented for jurors by the selectmen be the jurors for the ensuing year

Voted to Adjourn to the fourth day of November next at three o'clock P.M. in this place

Attest Success M Eaton Town Clerk

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Town Meeting November 4th 1856

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Tuesday the fourth day of November 1856 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy Viz

To Mitten Alden Constable of the Town of Middleborough You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to copy and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Election to meet at their Town House in said Town on Tuesday the fourth day of November or being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November at ten o'clock A.M. then & there to act in the following business namely

1st To determine the number of Representatives the town will choose to represent them in the next General Court

2^d To give in their votes in the Selection for United States Electors of President & Vice President of the United States of America to wit two at large and one for each congressional District into which the Commonwealth is divided also for Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Treasurer & receiver General Auditor of Accounts & Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Councilors for District No 1 the Senators for the District of Plymouth one or more Representatives to represent the town in the General Court to be holden in Boston the first Wednesday in January next and one Representative to represent the Second Congressional District in the next Congress of the United States all upon one ballot also at the same time to give in their votes upon one ballot for Commissioners of Insolvency Register of Probates Receiver of Probate Clerk of the Courts Sheriff and County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners for the County of Plymouth and for District Attorney for the South Eastern District the polls will be open from ten o'clock A.M. until two o'clock P.M.

And you are further required to serve this

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warrant by causing it to be Published in the Townsmeet Gazette Seven day at least and by posting up attested copies of the same at the Meeting House in Litchfield at least eight days before the time of said Meeting.

Warrant fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said Meeting Given under our hands eighteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred & fifty six

Cornelius L Wood Selectman
Benjamin P Wood of
Lewis Tane Middleborough

Plymouth 18 November 1856 by virtue of the within warrant I certify the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections by publishing the warrant in the Townsmeet Gazette as required by Law also I have certified the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield qualified to vote in Elections as directed by posting up copies at three public places in Litchfield

William Allen Constable of Middleborough

At 10th 1st Votes to Choose two Representatives to represent the Town in the next General Court

It was proceeded to vote for Election of Resident and Vice Resident of the United States also for Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Committee for and against what two Senators for the District of Plymouth two Representatives to represent the Town in the General Court to be holden in Boston the first Wednesday in January next and one Representative to represent the Second Congressional District in the next Congress of the United States all upon one ballot

Also for Commissioner of Insolvency Register of Probate Recorder of Probate Clerk of Courts Sheriff

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one County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners for the County of Plymouth and for District Attorneys for the South Eastern District

With the following result Viz

For Electors at large Whole No of Votes 1011
Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield had 649 Votes
Thomas Cobb of Pittsfield " 644 "
Nathaniel J Lord of Salem " 274 "
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield " 274 "
William Appleton of Boston " 88 "
Charles D Steadholder of Watter " 88 "
Whole No of Votes for District Election was 1011

District No 1 John Vinson of Lanesboro had 649 Votes
Abraham H. Howland of New Bedford " 274 "
John Baylis of New Bedford " 88 "
" 2 Azariah S Wheeler of New Bedford " 649 "
Jared Pratt of Middleborough " 266 "
Henry Quinn of Fall River " 88 "
" 3 George A Russell of W. Roxbury " 649 "
Brainerd L. Miller of Randolph " 274 "
Alfred B. Ely of Newton " 88 "
" 4 George Colburn of Boston " 649 "
Patrick Riley of Boston " 274 "
Nicholas Nelson of Boston " 88 "
" 5 Lucius B. Marsh of Boston " 649 "
Daniel Cooper of Boston " 274 "
Zechariah Bonner of Cambridge " 88 "
" 6 George T. Overton of Salem " 649 "
William H. Hemenway of Middlebury " 274 "
Henry Lescroart of Salem " 88 "
" 7 James M. Mather of Weymouth " 649 "
Edmund Nichols of Charleston " 274 "
Luther V. Bell of Charleston " 88 "
" 8 John Abnuth of Lowell " 649 "
James C. Abbot of Lowell " 274 "
Jefferson Bancroft of Lowell " 88 "

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District No 9	John C. Ansell of Worcester	had	649	votes
	George W. Bentley of Worcester	"	274	"
	Joseph W. Leland of Grafton	"	88	"
" 10	Charles Foster of Northampton	"	649	"
	Alfred L. Blanchard of Putnam	"	274	"
	Joseph C. Marsh of Chicopee	"	88	"
" 11	Franklin Ripton of Greenfield	"	649	"
	Thomas F. Marshall of Pittsfield	"	274	"
	Franklin Weston of Uxbridge	"	88	"

Whole No of ballots for Governor was 985

Henry J. Gardner of Boston	had	622	votes
Ernestus Q. Beach of Springfield	"	274	"
George W. Gessen of Boston	"	88	"
Luther T. Bell of Charlestown	"	1	"

Whole No of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 1008

Henry W. Beachley of Worcester	had	645	votes
Valbert Currier of Northampton	"	274	"
Walter Fort of Springfield	"	89	"

Whole No of ballots for Attorney General was 1066

John A. Clifford of New Bedford	had	733	votes
Ezer Wilkinson of Dedham	"	271	"
Lester Wharton of Boston	"	2	"

Whole No of ballots for Secretary of State was 1011

Francis D. Holt of Mass	had	648	votes
Jonathan C. Field of Stockbridge	"	274	"
William W. Cornell of Boston	"	88	"
William J. Lincoln	"	1	"

Whole No of ballots for State Treasurer was 1009

Moses Tennyson of Georgetown	had	645	votes
Stephen Buttrick of Concord	"	274	"
George Foster of Lynn	"	88	"
John Sargent	"	1	"
Thomas J. Marsh	"	1	"

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Whole No of ballots for State Auditor was	1012
Charles R. Hanson of Roxbury	had 649 votes
Giles H. Whitney of Weymouth	" 274 "
Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford	" 88 "
Joseph Mitchell	" 1 "

Whole No of ballots for Representative to Congress in 1836 was 954

James Buffington of Fall River	had	647	votes
Charles R. Vickors of Taunton	"	274	"
Darius Duntur of Bridgewater	"	33	"

Whole No of ballots for Councilor in 1836 was 920

George Howland of New Bedford	had	646	votes
Isaac C. Fisher of New Bedford	"	274	"

Whole No of ballots for State Senator for the 1st of January was 1011

Benjamin B. Wheeler of North Bridgewater	had	642	votes
Benjamin W. Harris of East Bridgewater	"	647	"
Moses Bates of Framingham	"	271	"
Chandler Sprague of North Bridgewater	"	274	"
Amos Bates of Lexington	"	91	"
Joshua B. Tobey of Wareham	"	86	"

Whole No ballots for Representative to General Court was 989

William E. Wood	had	640	votes
Calvin D. Hingham	"	607	"
William Benson	"	267	"
Augustus Pratt	"	259	"
Levi Standish	"	104	"
John Pierce	"	7	"
John Townsend	"	1	"

County Officers

Whole No of ballots for District Attorney was	821
James M. Smith of Roxbury	had 472 votes
Edward Avery of Andover	" 346 "

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Clerk of Courts	Whole No of ballots for Clerk of Courts was 819	
	William H Whitman of Plymouth had 573 votes	
	William A King of Middleborough " 246 "	
Sheriff	Whole No of ballots for Sheriff was 819	
	Samuel Phillips of Marshfield had 495 votes	
	Nathan M. Tichenor of Middleborough " 247 "	
	John Vickum of Plymouth " 77 "	
County Commissioners	Whole No of ballots for County Commissioners was 819	
	Isaac Hesser of Abington had 444 votes	
	William Latham of Bridgewater " 323 "	
	Samuel Bader of East Bridgewater " 2 "	
Special Commissioners	Whole No of ballots for Special Commissioners was 814	
	John M. Wood of Plymouth had 444 votes	
	James Burt of Middleborough " 486 "	
	John Rose of Haver " 324 "	
	George W. Wood of Middleborough " 246 "	
	William Sturges of Middleborough " 78 "	
Registered Voters of State	Whole No of ballots for Register of Probate was 819	
	Samuel H. Eaton of Plymouth had 442 votes	
	Joseph I. Burt of Abington " 327 "	
Register of Insolvency	Whole No of ballots for Register of Insolvency was 815	
	William King of Middleborough had 490 votes	
	Lucius Bicknell of Abington " 325 "	
Commissioners of Insolvency	Whole No of ballots for Commissioners of Insolvency was 819	
	William H. Wood of Middleborough had 444 votes	
	William L. Russell of Plymouth " 445 "	
	Peter Simmons of Concord " 574 "	
	John E. Hyde of Abington " 325 "	
	William Young of East Bridgewater " 78 "	
	Oliver Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk	

Annual Town Meeting March 9th 1857

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March ninth Eighteen hundred and fifty seven pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy viz

To Milton Alden a Constable of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Middleborough and their heirs to be in town affairs to assemble at the Town house in said town on Monday the ninth day of March next at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles to wit

- To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- To Choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year
- To See if the Town will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the several School Districts to contract with Teachers in their School Districts the present year
- To Choose a board of Auditors to examine claims against the Town and order the payments there of
- To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year
- To hear the report of any officer agent or committee of the Town and act thereon
- To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year to determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated
- To allow accounts against the Town and act thereon
- To Choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer report the condition of the Treasury and on petition for a tax for the ensuing year
- To See if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay School Teachers the present year also to hire money to pay for Shovelings since the present winter

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- 11th To take such action in regard to the Town right of taking and disposing of the alowies the present year as may be in accordance with an act to regulate the Fisheries in the Tamerton Great River and the Namashet River passed by the Legislature of this State in 1855 and act any thing therein
- 12th To bring in their ballots for three or more persons for post townsmen
- 13th To see if the Town will vote that the guards of the person chosen field driver shall be town Ransom as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen pound keepers
- 14th To choose some person to take charge of the Town House
- 15th To see if the Town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year and act thereon
- 16th To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the almshouse and act thereon
- 17th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the Towns share of stock in the Old colony and Fall River and Board corporation in Meeting of the same the present year
- 18th To see what the Town will pay per hour for shoveling snow the present winter as petitioned for by Charles White and others
- 19th To see if the Town will set off Stephen Drown his Town lot from School District No 2 and annex the same to School District No 3
- 20th To see if the Town will take measures to procure a safe in which to deposit their records and act any thing therein
- 21st To see if the Town will choose or authorize their School Committee to choose a superintendent of schools and act any thing therein
- 22nd To see what action the Town will take in relation to the Road as laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of James Cole jr & others

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Given under our hands at Middleborough this Twentieth day of February A.D. 1857

Cornelius B Wood } Selectmen
Benj P Wood }
Lewis Soule } Middleborough

Plymouth 9th March 7th 1857 By virtue of the within warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said warrant posted two weeks in the Namashet Gazette

Milton Alden Constable of Middleborough

1st Voted by ballot and made choice of Nathan Stirling Esq Moderator sworn by the Clerk

2^d Voted by ballot and made choice of Amos M. Eaton for Town Clerk sworn by the Moderator

Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following persons for Selectmen viz Cornelius B Wood Lewis Soule and Benjamin P Wood

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for School Committee viz Charles Sanford George Stang I C Thatcher C C Barnett and Milton C Rider

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Overseers of the Poor viz Benjamin P Wood Stephen Benson and Isaac Lane

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Constables viz Jonathan H. Peckham David Loomis Milton Alden Charles White Otis B. Perry James G Nichols and Amos Thompson

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Auditors viz Carl Sprout George Loomis James G. Washburn James Pratt & Wm C. Day Joseph Thompson and Loren A. Thomas

Voted and made choice of Wm P. Wood J. B. Shaw and Johnen Pratt for a Committee to settle with the Treasurer

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Resolved and made choice of the following persons for
Prudential Committee viz

1st District	1st James I. Smith	2nd District	1st A. D. Taber
2	George L. Alden	13	Israel Smith
3	James P. Sparrow	14	Nelson Thomas
4	Sylvanus Hinckley	15	Levi Wood
5	William Carling	16	Samuel W. Clark
6	Samuel Cushman	17	Abisha J. Clark
7	Thomas M. Cushman	18	George Leonard
8	Barrett Thomas	19	Nelson Loring
9	Asaph Steward	20	John I. Alden
10	Thomas LeBaron	21	William Shaw
11	Wm B. Gibbs	22	Wm B. White

Resolved and made choice of the following persons for
Surveyors of Highways viz

Benoni Shaw	Ben F. Wood	Leonard Driggs
Asaph Steward	William Sears	Wm Gibbs
William Lord	Milton Alden	Horatio A. Thomas
Isaac J. Cushman	James W. Warren	Leah Clark
Adnah Jackson	Amos J. Wood	Edmund Thompson
Andrew C. Wood	Samuel White	Alden C. Biscoe
Arvin A. Pratt	William Reed	Johnen Pratt
Samuel W. Rider	Harmon Cobb	Earl H. Cushman
Levi Wood	Joshua LeBaron	Levi Reed
Levi Thompson	George Cox	Jacob Steward
Robert Cole	Levi Wood	Elnathan Sherman
Ugiah Alden	James M. Alden	Samuel M. Pratt
Chas. J. Dinkham	Olson Carling	Edward Adams
Harmon Thomas	Calder Alden	Benj. Leonard
John Raymond	Isaac Bryant	

Resolved and made choice of the following persons for
Assessors viz

George W. Wood	Ed J. Shaw	Wm Glaze
Carl Alden	Henry Boen	Calder Alden

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George Leonard	Benjamin G. Thimble	Isaac Cushing
Joseph Clark	Sylvanus Hinckley	William Gibbs
Wm C. Edger	James G. Nichols	Cosmos Littlejohn
George C. Bryant	Wm B. Wood	Edward Adams
Leah Clark	Daniel H. Loring	Calvin Burdick
Levi J. Thomas	Samuel W. Rider	Joseph Driggs
William Davis	Thomas A. Schuman	

Resolved to refer to a committee of three
Resolved and made choice of A. McClinton, B. H. Paine and
Joseph I. Wood as a committee

Resolved to authorize the committee to purchase a safe
Resolved to raise the sum of thirty five hundred dollars
for the support of schools the present year

Resolved to divide one quarter of the school money on
the District the remainder on the scholars between the
ages of five and fifteen. To be commencing in District

Resolved to authorize the Prudential Committee to
contract with Teachers in their several Districts the
present year

Resolved not to choose a Superintendent of Schools
Resolved to indefinitely postpone

Resolved to pay fifteen cents per hour for shoveling snow
the past winter

Resolved that the several Surveyors of Highways in Town be
instructed to present their bills to the Auditor for shoveling
snow

Resolved to instruct the Auditor to meet the second Monday
in April

Resolved to divide the Herring money on all resident Tax
payers in Town equally no one to receive more than his or
her share

Resolved that there be two hundred of Herring allowed to
all the Widows in Town that pay no Tax
Resolved to choose a Herring Agent
Resolved and made choice of Albert Thomas for Herring Agent
Resolved to dispose of the Herring in the same way that

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They were disposed of the last year
Voted to locate the Fish weirs at Muttock the
Old Factory and Apamasset Brook

Voted that the Corporation of Middleborough deny the
right of any other Corporation in the management
of the fishing interest or its proceeds within the town

Voted that our Representatives be instructed to use all
means to procure a law leaving the management of
the fishing interest within the limits of the town with
the inhabitants of the same

Article 10th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to hire money to
pay School Teachers the present year
also to hire money to pay for shoveling snow
the past winter

Article 12th Voted to Choose three Fish Wardens

Voted by ballot and made choice of Albert Thomas
Reuben S. Simmons and John C. Barden for
Fish Wardens

Article 13th To refer to a Committee of three to act for the
interest of the town to call on the Commissioners if
they think best to move locate

Voted and made choice of Isaac Lane Joseph T. Worth
and Thomas Weston said Committee

Voted to instruct the committee to build the road as now
laid out if they think it best

Voted to Adjourn to the Second Monday in April next
at one o'clock P.M. in this place

Attest A. M. Eaton Town Clerk

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
duly assembled in Town Meeting on Thursday April
9th 1857 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and
returned of which the following is a true copy Viz
To Jonathan H. Eckham a Constable of the town
of Middleborough in the County of Middlesex greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of said town of Middleborough qualified
by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
Town House in said town on Thursday the ninth day
of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on
the following articles to wit

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2nd To see what action the town will take in relation to
the petition of Nathaniel Spooner Agent for the town of
Fairhaven and Committees of other towns and also the
Officers of the City of New Bedford to the Legislature of
Massachusetts now in Session wherein they pray that they may
be authorized and empowered by law to dig a Canal
from the Acushnet River into West Anticut Pond &c
- 3rd To see what the town will do in relation to a petition
from a Committee of the town of Lakeville to the Legislature
of this State asking for an alteration of the fish laws
- 4th To see if the town will grant the petition of John
Worren & others who wish to be let off with their ponds
and estates from School District No. 19 and annexed to
School District No. 5 or that there may be a new
division of said District and act on any thing thereon
- 5th To see what the town will do in relation to the road
laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of
Joshua Wood & others and act thereon
- 6th To see what action the town will take in relation to
the petition of H. Washburn & others to the County
Commissioners praying that the new town recently laid out
by them on the petition of George Coley & others may

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be discontinued and a new one be laid out between the Houses of John A. Sturges & Lorenzo Wood & close on the petition of George Thomas & others to the County Commissioners.

7th To see if the town will accept as a town way that part of Pearl St. extending from Pearl to Centre St. as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Abel Washburn & others according to their report.

Middleborough April 1st 1857

Cornelius A. Wood Selectman
Benjamin P. Wood of
Lewis Soule } Middleborough

Plymouth Is April 9th 1857

By virtue of the within warrant I have caused the Inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by bearing the articles in said warrant printed in days in the Nantuxet Gazette.

Jonathan H. Peckham Constable of Middleborough

1st Voted that made choice of A. Wing as Moderator

2d Voted to accept the preamble & resolutions offered by P. Washburn and the same is in file

3d Voted that made choice of Zachariah Edgely as Agent to appear before the Committee of the Legislature with instructions to appear the petition of Nathaniel Spooner & others in relation to cutting a Canal from Abenakus River to Lutes Pond in Lubecelle.

4th Voted to accept the preamble & resolutions offered by Carl Sprout in relation to an alteration in the 5th Law as petitioned for by the Inhabitants of Lubecelle & the same is in file
5th Voted to choose a Committee of one to appear before the Legislature with instructions to appear the petition of the Committee of Lubecelle in relation to an alteration in the 5th Law
6th Voted & made choice of Carl Sprout 5th Committee

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4th Voted to indefinitely postpone

5th Voted to instruct the Selectmen to cause the 3rd section of the road to be built the present season as laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of John Wood & others

6th Voted to refer to the Selectmen with instructions to appear the petition of Abel Washburn & others on the petition of George Thomas & others Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appear before the County Commissioners and act for the interest of the town

7th Voted to accept that part of Pearl Street as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Abel Washburn & others of which the following is a true copy. The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Middleborough upon the petition of Abel Washburn & others have laid out for the use of said town a town way it being that part of Pearl Street between Pearl & Centre St. as follows Beginning on the Southwesterly side of Pearl St. at the Northerly corner of Ash & Perkins Land thence South 12 3/4° West to Centre St. to be 46 ft wide and to lie on the Northwesterly side of Pearl St. No land damages which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance.

Cornelius A. Wood
Benjamin P. Wood
Lewis Soule
Middleborough Feb 27 1857

Voted to Disperse This Meeting

Attest A. M. Carter Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting April 13th 1857 by adj

This Meeting was taken up April 13th 1857 pursuant to adjournment from March 9th 1857 Nathan Hing Esq Moderator and under the Second Article Voted by Ballot and Made choice of A M Eaton Town Treasurer and Made choice of J M Eaton Collector

Voted and Made choice of the following Persons Surveyors of Lumber Nathaniel Sears Joshua Sherman Wm Eaton Daniel Ottwood George Cox Andrew Wood Daniel Smith John M Warren Joshua M Eaton David L Curtis Consider Hittler

Voted that the Select Men appoint Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Voted to Open the following persons from Surveying as Surveyors of Highway viz Joshua L. Bason Milton Alden Edward Adams

Voted and Made choice of the following persons for Surveyors of Highway viz John L. A. Moise Nathan Perkins Abner Bryant

Voted by ballot and Made choice of Nathan Hing Esq Overseer of the Poor Isaac Linn Excused

Voted that Field Drivers be Pound Keepers and their guards Town Pound

Voted to Authorize their Treasurer to represent the Town choice of Stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Rail Road Corporation in Meetings of the same the present year

Voted to pay their Treasurer for his service the past year the sum of Seventy five dollars

Voted and Made choice of Solomon B. Firing to take charge of the Town House the present year

Voted to let off Stephen Dineo his Polls and Estate from School District No 2 and annex the same to School District No 3

Heard the report of the Overseer of the Poor accepted and is on file

Voted to raise the sum of thirty five hundred dollars for the Support of roads & Bridges the present

Annual March Meeting by adjournment Continued

year Voted to appropriate in Lumber and Material Voted that the Surveyors be authorized to work out on half of the amount of their wages before the bills are committed

Voted that the Surveyors pay 15cts per hour for men and Oxen. Horses Plough Carts &c despatched with the Surveyors until the first of July after that 12 cts per hour for men & Oxen. Horses Plough Carts &c despatched with the Surveyors

Voted that the Surveyors of the Town be directed to cross their fourth at least of the amount of their wages to be worked out on or before the first day of July next

Voted that the Surveyors of the Town be Made Collectors of their own bills

Voted that each Surveyor of Highways request all persons to work their Highway Taxes by the first of October next should there be any taxes not worked or paid the Surveyors are directed to work the same by the 15th of Oct next the Assessors are directed to give the Surveyors an order on the Town Treasurer for all the taxes they may have worked out and put the same in with the Town Tax of 1858 of each person who refuses or neglects to work or pay his tax

Voted that the Surveyors be directed to make 6 p. at discount to all persons that pay him the money

Voted to add one Field Driver to the number already chosen

Voted and Made choice of Joseph Swamp Field Driver and Four Vicars

Voted to Open Geo L Alden from serving as Prudential Committee in School District No 2

Voted and Made choice of John A Shaw Prudential Committee in School District No 2

Second March Meeting by Adjournment Cont

Article 12 Voted and Man Chain of the following persons
Fish Warden Viz

Albert Vaughan Thomas F. Benson Hoid Perkins
Ezra Chase Wm W. Pratt James Warren
James W. Warren George S. Harvey & Dorus Snow
James M. Allen Excused from serving Surveys of Highways
James Pratt & chosen in his stead

Voted to allow 15¢ per hour for traveling snow the next winter
Voted to allow 15¢ per hour for men in clearing the roads
of snow the coming winter

Voted that there be nothing allowed for Town until they
are called out by the Surveysors

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first day of
May at 2 O'clock P.M. in this place

Albert W. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 1st 1857

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro having duly
assembled in Town Meeting on the first day of May 1857
pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of
which the following is a true Copy Viz

To Jonathan W. Robinson Constable of the Town of
Middleboro in the County of Plymouth Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are hereby requested to notify & warn the Inhabitants
of the said Town of Middleboro qualified to Vote for
Senators & representatives in the General Court to
meet at the Town House in said Town on Friday the
first day of May next at one O'clock P.M. then and there
there to give in their votes by ballot to the Selectmen
for or against the following proposed Amendments of
the Constitution to wit

First Article of Amendment

Who person shall have the right to vote or be eligible
to Office under the Constitution of this Commonwealth who

Town Meeting May 1st 1857 Continued

who shall not be able to read the Constitution in the
English language and write his name

Provided however that the provision of this Amendment shall
not apply to any person prevented by physical disability
from complying with its requirements nor to any person
who now has the right to vote nor to any person who shall
be sixty years of age or upwards at the time this
amendment shall take effect

Second Article of Amendment

A census of the legal voters of each City and Town in the
first day of May shall be taken and returned into the
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before the
last day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred
and fifty seven and a Census of the inhabitants of each
City and Town in the year one thousand eight hundred
and sixty five and of every tenth year thereafter
in the census aforesaid a special enumeration shall be
made of the legal voters and in each City said enumeration
shall specify the number of such legal voters aforesaid
residing in each ward of such City The enumeration aforesaid
shall determine the apportionment of representatives for the
purposes between the taking of the Census

The House of representatives shall consist of two hundred and
forty members which shall be apportioned by the Legislature
at its first session after the return of each enumeration as
aforesaid to the several Counties of the Commonwealth
equally as nearly as may be according to their relative
numbers of legal voters as ascertained by the next preceding
Special Enumeration and the Town of Cohasset in the
County of Norfolk shall for this purpose as well as in the
formation of districts as hereafter provided be considered
a part of the County of Plymouth and it shall be the
duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify as
soon as may be after it is determined by the Legislature
the number of representatives to which each County shall
be entitled to the board authorized to divide each
County into representative districts

Town Meeting May 1st 1857 Continued

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston the County Commissioners of other Counties than Suffolk or in lieu of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston or of the County Commissioners in each County other than Suffolk

Each board of Special Commissioners in each County to be elected by the people of the County or of the Town therein as May for that purpose be provided by law shall on the first Tuesday of August next after each adjournment of representatives to each County assemble at a place to be named by their respective Counties and proceed as soon as may be to divide the same into representative districts of contiguous territory so as to apportion the representation assigned to each County equally as nearly as may be according to the relative number of legal voters in the several districts of each County and each district shall be so formed that no town or ward of a city shall be divided therefor nor shall any district be made which shall be entitled to elect more than three representatives every representative for one year at least next preceding his election shall have been an inhabitant of the district from which he is chosen and cease to represent such district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of the Commonwealth

The districts in each County shall be numbered by the board creating the same and a description of each with the number thereof and the number of legal voters therein shall be returned by the board to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the County Treasurer of each County and to the Clerk of every town in each district to be filed and kept in their respective offices the manner of calling and conducting the meetings for the choice of representatives and of ascertaining their election shall be prescribed by law

Not less than one hundred Members of the House of Representatives shall constitute a quorum for doing business but a less number may organize temporarily adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent Members

Third Article of Amendment

A Census of the legal voters of each City and Town on the first day of May shall be

Town Meeting May 1st 1857 Continued

taken and returned into the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before the last day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven and a census of the inhabitants of each City and Town in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty five and of every tenth year thereafter. In the census aforesaid a special enumeration shall be made of the legal voters and in each City said enumeration shall specify the number of such legal voters aforesaid residing in each ward of such City. The enumeration aforesaid shall determine the apportionment of Senators for the periods between the taking of the census. The Senate shall consist of forty members. The General Court shall at its first session after each next preceding special enumeration divide the Commonwealth into forty districts of adjacent territory each district to contain as nearly as may be an equal number of legal voters according to the enumeration aforesaid provided however that no town or ward of a City shall be divided therefor; and such districts shall be formed as nearly as may be without uniting two Counties or parts of two or more Counties into one district. Each district shall elect one Senator who shall have been an inhabitant of this Commonwealth five years at least immediately preceding his election and at the time of his election shall be an inhabitant of the district for which he is chosen and he shall cease to represent such senatorial district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of the Commonwealth.

Not less than fifteen Senators shall constitute a quorum for doing business; but a less number may organize temporarily adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members.

Every person qualified to vote as aforesaid may express his opinion on each article or disjunctive by its appropriate number without specifying in his ballot the contents of the article and by annexing to each

Town Meeting May 1st 1857 Continued

Remember the words Yes or No or any other words of the same import; But the whole shall be written or printed on one ballot, in substance as follows to wit: Amendments article first Yes or no; article second Yes or no; article third Yes or no; -
 And you are furthermore required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet on the same day and place aforesaid, at three o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:
 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
 2d To see if it will meet with the approbation of the town for the Selectmen to proceed to select at their discretion a school house lot, and lay out the same in school District No 12 -

Given under our hands this twenty first day of April A.D. 1857.

Cornelius B. Woods, Selectman
 Saml. P. Woods, do
 Lewis Loring, do

Plymouth Is May 1st 1857

By virtue of the within warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said warrant printed & kept along in the Plymouth Gazette

Jonathan P. Peckham Constable of Middleboro
 The following is the vote on the proposed articles of Amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth
 First article of Amendment Yes 40 Nay 37
 Second article of Amendment " 70 " 8
 Third article of Amendment " 71 " 7

Second Meeting
 Voted and made choice of A. Spring Esq Moderator
 which I Voted to authorize the Selectmen to proceed

Town Meeting May 1st 1857 Continued

To select a school house lot for school District No 12
 Voted that this Meeting be now dissolved
 Attest A. M. Eaton Town Clerk

March Meeting by Adjournment

This Meeting was taken up May 1st 1857
 pursuant to adjournment from April 13th 1857
 Nathan Perry Esq Moderator and under the
 article Voted that the selectmen be authorized to give
 our Herring Ag. Orders to deliver two hundred of
 Herring to each of the poor widows in town
 Voted to Grant Abner Bryant from serving
 Surveys of Highway William Davis chosen in his stead
 Voted to Grant Ebenezer Smithham from serving Surveys of
 Highway Thomas J. Wood chosen in his stead
 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next town
 Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest A. M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting July 27th 1857

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro being duly
 assembled in town Meeting July 27th 1857 pursuant to
 a warrant duly issued and returned of which the
 following is a true copy to wit:
 To Jonathan P. Peckham Constable of the town of
 Middleboro in the County of Plymouth Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
 hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of
 the said town of Middleboro qualified to vote in town
 affairs to assemble at the town house in said town
 on Monday the twenty seventh day of July inst at three
 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:
 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
 2d To see if the town will take any measures to give
 expression of their views to the County Commissioners

Town Meeting July 27th 1857 Continued

at their meeting in August next in relation to the formation of representative district in the County of Plymouth and act thereon

Middleboro July 14th 1857 Cornelius B Wood (Selectman

Benz P Wood (of
Lewis Soule } Middleboro

Plymouth ss July 27th 1857 by virtue of the within warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said warrant printed seven days in the Nantuxet Gazette

Jonathan H Peckham Constable of Middleboro
1st Voted and made choice of G. W. Wood Moderator
2d Voted that the selectmen be a committee to attend before the County Commissioners at their meeting on the first Tuesday of August next to request the Commissioners in their division of Plymouth County into Representative districts to constitute the town of Middleboro one Representative district

Voted to adjourn this Meeting

Attest A. M. Eaton town Clerk

March Meeting by Adjournment

this Meeting was taken up July 27th 1857 pursuant to adjournment from May 1st 1857 N. King Esq Moderator being absent

Voted by ballot and made choice of E. Robinson Moderator Order no business coming before the Meeting

Voted to adjourn to the next town Meeting in this place at 2 O'clock PM

Attest A. M. Eaton town Clerk

Town Meeting Oct 12th 1857

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro being duly assembled in their Meeting on Monday Oct 12th 1857 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz

To Jonathan H Peckham Constable of the town of Middleboro in the County of Plymouth Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town on Monday the 12th day of October next at one O'clock PM

To act on the following articles to wit
first to Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
second to take such action on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen as the town shall see cause
third to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year to determine when the same shall be raised and how appropriated

fourth to allow accounts against the town and act thereon
fifth to hear the reports of any officers agents or committees of the town and to act thereon

Given under our hands this 30th day of September
1857

Cornelius B Wood (Selectman
Benz P Wood (of
Lewis Soule } Middleborough

Plymouth ss October 12th 1857

by virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said warrant printed ten days in the Nantuxet Gazette

Jonathan H Peckham Constable of Middleboro
1st Voted and made choice of N. King Esq Moderator

2d Voted to accept of the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen
3d Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest A. M. Eaton town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment - Oct 12th 1885

This Meeting was taken up Oct 12th 1857 pursuant to Adjournment from July 27th 1857

until 6th heard the report of the Committee to settle with

✓ The American correspondence used is on file

certified that Robert Le Ross ^{by Ind} has paid the sum of Ten thousand nine dollars

and fifty cts to defray the Expenses of the tour for

The ensuing Year

Notes that the Taxes be repealed under the bills committed
on or before the first day of November next.

Coler that all those who pay their Taxes in the Month

of November & December be advanced 10 pr. &
those who pay in January 6 pr. et

and those who pay in February 3/4 at

Noted that the collector be instructed to issue Summons
the first of March 1898 to all whose Taxes remain unpaid

could have 20 cts for each document to be paid by

the day before

Noted that the Collector be instructed to proceed accordingly to Law to collect the Taxes after the expiration of period.

day from the time of placing his sunbonnet

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1891

John Meeting, November 3 1857

The Inhabitants of the town of Middlebury being duly informed

in their Meeting on Tuesday the third day of November 1857
pursuant to a constant duty sworn and distinctness of belief

The following is a true copy viz

Plymouth to Jonathan St. Pich

Notes of Missions greeting

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to appear at the Court of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk

of Chappachussit to testify and name the inhabitants of Tria
and of all persons qualified to vote in elections to meet at

Work of Middleboro qualified to vote in elections to meet at the town house in said town or adjoining the third day

At Lowm House, or Lowm House, or Lowm House, the first day
of November next, it being the preceding night after the first

Monday in November at Ten O'clock A.M. there was a

is given in their notes to the collection as follows for

Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Treasurer

and receive General Clinton, Attorney General Gammon
and the Rev. Dr. Loring in the South Placemont District

for district No 8 donated for the South Plymouth District
Worcester for the ninth District in Plymouth County

Representative for the ninth District in Plymouth County
and formerly Commissioner for the County of Plymouth

and Carver's Commissioner for the County of Superior
will upon one notice the said courts be open from ten A.M.

sent: Two 3rd M

[Faint handwritten notes]

Middleborough Oct 21st 1879 Caroline & Helen / Leiston
Benj. R. Mann

Benj. & Mary
Lewis Land. N. York.

Town Meeting Nov 3^d 1857 Continued

all upon one ballot with the following result viz

Whole No of ballots for Governor	was 595	Votes
Henry J. Coades of Boston	had 193	"
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield	" 206	"
Nathaniel P. Banks of Northampton	" 193	"
Whole No of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 595		
Oliver D. Witt of Oxford	had 193	"
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield	" 193	"
John C. Currier of Newburyport	" 209	"
Whole No of ballots for Secretary of State was 596		
Benjamin L. Allen of Boston	had 193	"
Oliver Warner of Northampton	" 194	"
Jonathan C. Field of Southbridge	" 209	"
Whole No of ballots for Attorney General was 594		
John H. Clifford of New Bedford	had 195	"
Stephen H. Phillips of Salem	" 192	"
Estes Robinson of Dedham	" 207	"
Whole No of ballots for Treasurer was 595		
Timothy Suganham of New Bedford	had 193	"
Charles Tenney Jr of Georgetown	" 193	"
Charles Thompson of Charlestown	" 208	"
J. J. Marsh	" 1	"
Whole No of ballots for Auditor was 596		
Charles A. Ransom of Roxbury	had 194	"
Charles White of Worcester	" 193	"
Seymour L. Mead of Wintchester	" 209	"
Whole No of ballots for Comptroller for the 8 th Dist was 594		
James Bates of Hingham	had 191	"
William H. Wood of Middleborough	" 196	"
John H. Smith of Middleborough	" 207	"
Whole No of ballots for Senator South Plymouth Dist was 596		
Matthews Ellis of Casser	had 192	"
Salomonus Bourn of Wareham	" 189	"
Abraham J. Love of Bridgewater	" 209	"
Edw. A. Loring of Fairhaven	" 5	"
John A. Shaw of Bridgewater	" 1	"

Town Meeting Nov 3^d 1857 Continued

Whole No of ballots for County Commissioner was 594	
Thomas Southworth Jr of Casser	had 399 Votes
Martin Bryant of Pembroke	" 194 "
Isaac H. Hays of Abington	" 1 "
Whole No of ballots for Representatives Dist No 9 was 589	
Jacob B. Shaw	had 193 Votes
Ernest Robinson	" 187 "
Foster Tinkham	" 209 "

Voted to Dispute this Meeting
Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting March 8th 1858 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy viz
Preamble To Jonathan H. Dedham a Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the eighth day of March next at ten O'clock A.M. to act on the following articles to wit
1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
2^d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year
3^d To See if the Town will authorize the President Committee of the General School District to contract with the Teachers in their School District the present year
4th To Choose a house of Charles H. Perkins to receive claims against the Town and also the payment thereof
5th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year

Town Meeting Nov. 3^d 1857 Continued

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all upon one ballot with the following result viz
 Whole No of ballots for Treasurer was 595 Votes
 Henry J Gardner of Boston had 193 "
 Erasmus DeBeach of Springfield " 206 "
 Nathaniel P Banks of Northampton " 193 "
 Whole No of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 595 "
 Alexander DeWitt of Oxford had 193 "
 Elephator Trask of Springfield " 193 "
 Albert Currier of Newburgh had 209 "
 Whole No of ballots for Secretary of State was 596 "
 Benjamin L Allen of Boston had 193 "
 Oliver Warner of Northampton " 194 "
 Jonathan C Field of Southbridge " 209 "
 Whole No of ballots for Attorney General was 594 "
 John H Clifford of New Bedford had 195 "
 Stephen A Phillips of Salem " 192 "
 Ezra Melvinson of Dedham " 207 "
 Whole No of ballots for Treasurer was 595 "
 Timothy Sugrueham of New Bedford had 193 "
 Moses Tenney Jr of Georgetown " 193 "
 Charles Thompson of Charleston " 208 "
 J D March " 1 "
 Whole No of ballots for Auditor was 596 "
 Charles R Ransom of Roxbury had 194 "
 Charles White of Worcester " 193 "
 Seymour L Mead of Haverhill " 209 "
 Whole No of ballots for Councilor for the 8th District was 594 "
 Amos Bates of Hingham had 191 "
 William H Wood of Middleborough " 196 "
 Peter H Pease of Middleboro " 207 "
 Whole No of ballots for Senator South Plymouth Dist was 596 "
 Matthew Ellis of Crosses had 192 "
 Sylvanus Bourn of Wareham " 199 "
 Abraham J Love of Bridgewater " 209 "
 Egbert A Loring of Fairhaven " 5 "
 John A Shaw of Bridgewater " 1 "

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 Thomas Southworth Jr of Crosses had 399 Votes
 Martin Chapman of Pembroke " 194 "
 Isaac Hisey of Abington " 1 "
 Whole No of ballots for Representative Dist No 9 was 589
 Jacob B Shaw had 193 Votes
 Everett Robinson " 187 "
 Foster Tinkham " 209 "
 Voted to Discontinue this Meeting
 Attest Andrew M Eaton Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being
 duly assembled in town meeting March 8th 1858
 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which
 the following is a true copy viz
 Plymouth ss To Jonathan H Southam Constable of
 the town of Middleborough Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we you
 are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants
 of the town of Middleborough qualified by law to vote in
 town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said
 town on Thursday the eighth day of March next at ten
 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles to wit
 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
 2^d To Choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year
 3^d To See if the town will authorize the President
 Committee of the General School District to contract with
 the Teachers in their School District the present year
 4th To Choose a board of Auditors to examine claims
 against the town and also the payments there of
 5th To determine the manner of repairing the highways
 and Bridges the present year

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858 Continued

- 6th To hear the reports of any officers, agents or committees of the town and act thereon
- 7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year to determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated
- 8th To allow accounts against the town and act thereon
- 9th To Choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer report the condition of the Treasurer and an estimate for a tax for the ensuing year
- 10th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay School Teachers the present year
- 11th To take such action in regard to the towns right of taking and disposing of the Allowances the present year as may be in accordance with an act to regulate the Fisheries in the Taunton Great River and the Hammett River passed by the Legislature of this State in 1855 and act upon thing thereon
- 12th To bring in their ballots for three or more persons for fish warden
- 13th To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen fish warden shall be Town Bound as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen Town Keepers
- 14th To Choose some person to take charge of the Town House
- 15th To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year and act thereon
- 16th To see if the town will authorize their officers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Cables House and act thereon
- 17th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the towns shares of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Sailing Boat Corporation in Meetings of the same the present year
- 18th To see if the town will divide School District B 22 in said Middleboro and make an additional District

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858 Continued

- to include the undersigned with their votes and estates viz Hercules Richmond Lister C Maromber Albert A Loring Cleazer Richmond Robert Cook Wm H Cole and Leander A Smithham and to act upon thing the said town may see cause in relation to the division of said District or to make an additional District to include the above named persons with their votes & estates
- 19th To see if the town will change the name of Lister street to Calfax street as petitioned for by Cyrus Smith & others
- 20th To see what the town will do in regard to building a Lockup near the four corners in said town by request of Milton Alden & others
- 21st To see if the town will order a new valuation of the Estates real and personal of People of the town for the purpose of making the taxes more equal (by request of Nathaniel Eddy & others)

Middleborough Feb 25th 1858

Corwin B Wood } Selectmen
Benj P Wood }
Lewis Soule } Middleborough

Plymouth 8th March 1858 by virtue of the within warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by leaving the notices in said warrant printed ten days in the Middleborough Gazette

Jonathan H. Peckham Constable

1st Voted by ballot and made choice of Nathan Hing Esq Moderator sworn by the Clerk

2nd Voted by ballot and made choice of J. M. Eaton Town Clerk sworn by the Moderator

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Selectmen viz Corwin B Wood Benjamin P Wood and Lewis Soule

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858 Continued

- 2 Voted to Choose three persons for School Committee
 Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons
 for School Committee viz
 Rev J C Thatcher for the term of three years
 Rev Samuel Richardson for the term of two years
 Thomas Weston for the term of one year
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 7th article
 Voted to appropriate the sum of forty five hundred
 dollars for the support of Schools the present year
 Voted that the money for the support of the public Schools
 the present year be put into the hands of the School
 Committee for them to divide as they think proper
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 3rd article
 3 Voted to authorize the prudential Committee to contract with
 School Teachers the present year in their several School Districts
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 11th article
 11 Voted by ballot and made choice of James W W Warren
 for Herring Agent
 Voted to authorize the Herring Agt to sell the Herring
 at a rate not to exceed $\frac{1}{15}$ cts for hundred
 Voted that no person shall have more than two hundred
 of Herring at a time while others are waiting the
 turn people to have the preference
 Voted that a man's order shall be no good as his person
 no man to present more than two orders in a day
 Voted that there be two hundred Herring allowed to all
 residents in town that pay no taxes
 Voted that all persons shall have the first two hundred
 of Herring for twenty five cents per hundred
 Voted that the herring money be divided equal on all
 the residents tax payers no one to receive more
 than the amount of his or her tax
 Voted to locate at the Meeting with Old Factory and
 Oppenasset Brook
 Voted that the widows in town shall obtain no wages
 from the selectmen for their lot of Herring

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858 Continued

- 2 Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons
 for Overseer of the Poor viz
 Nathan King Benjamin P Wood & Isaac Loring
 Voted to Choose three Constables
 Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Constables
 viz Jonathan H Rockham Lemuel Lucas and
 Milton Alden
 Voted to Choose seven Auditors
 Voted and made choice of the following persons for Auditors
 viz Stillman Benson Peter H Pease Cornelius B Wood
 Lewis Sault Benjamin P Wood George Leonard &
 and Everett Robinson
 Voted to proceed to the choice of Surgeon of Hightways
 Voted and made choice of the following persons for
 Surgeon of Hightways viz
 Benoni Shaw Ephraim Shaw Thomas Weston Nathaniel
 C Perkins John J Perkins Sabahad F Wood Samuel
 W Peider Charles H Thomas Rufus Thompson
 Wm B Gibbs Elijah Alden Seth Dean William W
 Wood John Raymond Henry Smith John S
 Benson Nathan Perkins James W Warren Nathaniel
 Sheaff 5th each William John Eaton Joshua W Cady
 John L A Morse George Cox Isaac Harten Philander
 M Sampson Allen Worthington Ched Harton Albert Gray
 Leonard Briggs James P Spruce Adamson J Smith
 Calvin Fitchham Leonard Thompson James Lewis
 Zebulon H Pratt George J Johnson Levi Reed
 Otis Sault Tyler Pease Isaac Thomas Albert Bryant
 Joseph J Wood Arvin A Pratt
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 12th article
 Voted by ballot and made choice of the following person for
 Fish warden viz Albert Thomas Seaborn A Lemmon
 and James W Warren
 Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 18th article
 18 Voted to refer to the selectmen with instructions
 for them to report at the next town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting March 8th 1858 Continued

Article 18 Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons
For Prudential Committee viz

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| 1. Edwin Soule | 12. Samuel W. Rider |
| 2. Cephas Morse | 13. Orlando W. Carter |
| 3. Chas. Wood | 14. Joshua Wood |
| 4. Leonard Griggs | 15. Isaacus Atwood |
| 5. William Quilley | 16. Samuel W. Clark |
| 6. Ira Shaw | 17. J. P. Rider |
| 7. Asa Shaw | 18. J. C. Thatcher |
| 8. Isaac S. Shurtliff | 19. James G. Cushman |
| 9. Asaph Atwood | 20. James M. Alden |
| 10. John L. A. Morse | 21. David Shaffin |
| 11. John Smithson | 22. David Alden |
| | 23. Albert A. Sundry |

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 16th article
16 Voted to authorize the overseers of the Poor to continue with some person to take charge of the almshouse in the present year

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 21st article
21 Voted that there be no new valuation taken this year & the estate and personal in this town

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 23rd article
23 Voted to the selectmen for them to report at the next meeting the necessity for a landgrave and the expense of one

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 19th article
19 Voted not to change the name of Public street to Public street as proposed for by Cyrus Smith & others

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the second Monday in April at one o'clock P.M.
in this place
Attest: William A. Carter Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting by adjournment April 12th 1858

This Meeting was taken up April 12th 1858 pursuant to adjournment from March 8th 1858 Nathan King Esq. Moderator

Voted to proceed to the consideration of the 6th article
6th Voted to report of the Overseers of the Poor
Voted that the report be recommended for the Overseers to add their bill

18 Voted to accept and adopt the report of the selectmen in relation to the division of School District No. 22 & which the following is a true copy viz
The undersigned at the March Meeting was requested the following article

To see if the town vote on a School District No. 22 in said Massachusetts and make an addition to District No. 22 to include the undesignated with their bills and taxes viz: Amos Richmond Lister C. Macomber Albert A. Sundry Eliza Richmond Robert Cook William H. Cole & Leonard A. Smithson as to

at any thing therein the said town may determine in relation to the division of said District or to make an additional District to include the same named persons with their bills & taxes respectively submit the following report

That all that part of School District No. 22 with the inhabitants there bills & taxes being separately & newly by of what is known as the old School District and which was the territory formerly known as of School District before the division of the town should be set off from the present School District No. 22 and constituted a School District to be known as No. 23

Attest: William A. Carter April 12th 1858

Amos Richmond (Selectman)
Eliza Richmond (Moderator)
Robert Cook (Treasurer)

And that in the division of the school money School District No. 23 shall be entitled to all which has been or may be appropriated for schools by the town the present year or in

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future years in proportion to the number of scholars between the ages of 5 & 15 years

And 2^d Voted by ballot and made choice of Andrew McEaton Town Treasurer

Voted and made choice of Andrew McEaton Collector
Voted and made choice of Albert A. Loring Boardman
Committee for School Dist. No 23

Voted and made choice of the following persons

Field Drivers: Isaac Brown and Samuel Steepers

Calib Alden Carl Alden B F Shaw

Deed Bryant Edward Adams G W Wood

George S Leonard Joseph Clark John A Shaw

Henry E Bryant Dennis Shaw Joseph Stander

James Hearless Benjamin G Walker Silvanus Jones

Wm C Edley Wm B Wood David H Loring

Samuel W. Sider Thomas M. Lebaron Hana Embury

Wm Gibly Benjamin Lintzjohn Daniel Daughan

Calvin Murdoch Joseph Bump

Surveyors of Highways

Voted and made choice of John C Perkins in place

of John J Perkins Esquire chose Amos Leach

in place of Nathan Perkins Esquire chose Charles

Burt in place of Obed Hartson Esquire

Voted by ballot and choice of George W Wood

Settlement in place of Lewis Sault deceased

Voted and made choice of the following persons

Surveyors of "Lumber"

Nathaniel Sears Joshua Sherman

William Cullen Peter Alwood George Cox

Andrew C Wood Israel Smith John H Warren

Joshua H Edley David L Curtis Josiah Smith

And 12th Voted by ballot and made choice of the following

Fish Wardens

Israel W Thompson James Warren Ezra Chase

David Perkins John C Barden J F Barden

John H Warren and Albert Daughan

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And 9th Voted and made choice of the following persons

A Committee to settle with their Treasurer
Ezekiel Dickinson S. H. Pease J. S. Wood

And 10th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to hire money
to pay school tax for the present year

And 11th Voted that the sum of the persons chosen Field
Drivers shall be 40 pounds as long as they remain
in office

Voted that Isaac Brown shall be Town Keeper

And 12th Voted and made choice of Nathan B Loring to take
charge of the Town House for the present year

And 13th Voted to pay him for said service seventy five
dollars for his services the past year

And 14th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to represent the
Town of Stoughton in the Colony and Fall River
and to make a report in the meeting of the same
the present year

And 15th Voted to appropriate the sum of thirty five hundred dollars
for the support of roads & bridges the present year in
Stoughton and Wareham

Voted that the surveyors be authorized to work out one
half of the amount of their taxes before the both are levied

Voted that the surveyors pay 15 cts per hour for men and
oxen until the first of July after that 12 cts per hour
Horses & Carts to be distributed with the
Surveyors

Voted that the Town Surveyors of the town be directed
to cause three fourths at least of the amount of their taxes
to be worked out on or before the first day of July next
Voted that each surveyor of Highways request all persons
to work their Highways tax by the first of Oct next
Should there be any taxes not worked or paid the
Surveyors are directed to work the same before the 15th of Oct
next the officers are directed to give the surveyors an
order on the Town Treasurer for all the tax they have
have worked out and paid the same in

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with the town tax of 1859 of each person who refuses or neglects to work or pay their tax
 Voted that the Herring Agent be instructed not to fish with set nets the two first days of the week at the Herring Mill Ware

Voted and made choice of Henry A Swift Surveyor of Highway in place of Brad Bryant Excused
 Voted and made choice of Wm H Cole Field Drive and Fence Viewer

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the Second Monday in October next at one O'clock P.M. in this place
 (Attest) Amos M Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 12th 1858

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on the 12th day of April 1858 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz
 Plymouth ss To Jonathan H Peckham a constable of the town of Middleborough in said County of Bristol

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the twelfth day of April inst at two O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit

- First To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- Second To see what action the town will take in relation to building certain roads as laid out by the County Commissioners
- Third To see if the town will choose a committee of one to transcribe the early records of Middleboro now in the hands of J. H. Miller Esq by his consent to be placed in the public archives for the use of the town at an expense not to exceed fifteen dollars by request

Town Meeting April 12th 1858 Continued

(Middleborough April 1st 1858) } Selectmen
 Cornelius B Wood }
 Benjamin S Wood } Middleborough

Plymouth ss April 12th 1858 by virtue of the within Warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by having the article in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleborough Gazette

(Jonathan H Peckham Constable of Middleborough)

1st Voted and made choice of Nathan Rising Moderator

2d Voted That a committee of three be chosen to examine the road as laid out by the County Commissioners upon the petition of A Washburn & others and if in their opinion the same (for the interest of the town) ought to be built to loan the same to be built & if not they be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue and now locate the same in a more suitable place

Voted and made choice of Peter H Price Isaac Lane and George W Wood said committee

Voted that the road as laid out by the County Commissioners between the house of J. B. Doty and A Washburn be put into the hands of the said committee

Voted that the remainder of the road laid out by the County Commissioners be put into the hands of the Selectmen for them to act for the interest of the town

Voted to choose a committee of one to copy the records now in the hands of J. H. Miller Esq for the benefit of the town

Voted and made choice of Silas Pratt said committee
 Voted that the committee be instructed to copy all the records he thinks necessary and bring in his bill to the town
 Voted to dissolve this Meeting

(Attest) Amos M Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adj Oct 11th 1858

This Meeting was taken up Oct 11th 1858 pursuant to adjournment from April 12th 1858 Nathan Hoxie Esq Moderator and under the 6th article heard the report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer Accepted

1. Heard the report of the Overseers of the Poor Accepted
 Voted to raise by tax the sum of Seven Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty pounds (\$7750) to defray the expense of the town the present year
 Voted that the Taxes be assessed and the bills commenced on or before the fifteenth of November next
 Voted that all those who pay their taxes in the Month of November and December be allowed 10 per cent and those who pay in the Month of January 6 per cent and those who pay in February 3 per cent
 Voted that the Collector be instructed to issue summonses the first of March 1859 to all whose taxes remain unpaid and to have 20 cts for each summons to be paid by the tax payers
 Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 2^d Monday in November next at Two O'clock P.M. in the place
 (Attest A. H. Weston town Clerk)

Town Meeting Nov 24 1858

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on Tuesday, the second day of November, 1858, pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz:

Plymouth, ss. To Jonathan R. Dickham, Constable of ^{the Town of} Middlebury, greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at their Town House, in said Town, on Tuesday, the second day of November next (it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said November) at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, to vote in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Veterans Committee of said Commonwealth, Councilor for District 1st & a Senator for the South Plymouth District, one County Commissioner, a Register of Deeds, a Register of Probate and Insolvency and Treasurer for the County of Plymouth, a District Attorney for the Southern District, a Representative in the Thirty-eighth Congress of the United States for the Congressional District No. 2, and for one Representative to represent the South District in the County of Plymouth in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The names of candidates for all the above offices to be borne on one ballot. The polls will be open from Ten A.M. until Ten o'clock P.M. Perish of fault not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

Connelius B. Wood, Selectman
 Benjamin F. Wood, do
 John W. Wood, Moderator

Town Meeting November 24 1858 (Continued)

Plymouth S.S.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have caused
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
to vote in Elections to meet as within directed to hear
the articles in said warrant printed twelve days
in the Middleboro Gazette

Jonathan H. Fickham } Constable
Middleboro

Then proceeded to vote for Governor Lieutenant
Governor Secretary of State Treasurer and Receiver General
Auditor and Attorney General of said Commonwealth
Councillor for District No 8 a Senator for the South
Plymouth District one County Commissioner a Register
of Deeds a Registrar of Probate and Insolvency and
Treasurer for the County of Plymouth a District Attorney
for the South-Eastern District a Representative in the Third
South Congress of the United States for the Congressional
District No 2 and for one Representative to represent the
South District in the County of Plymouth in the
Commons Court to be held at Boston on the first
Wednesday of January next all upon one ballot with
the following result viz:-

Whole no ballots for Governor	was 511 votes
Waltham J. Banks of Waltham	had 304
Quinn J. Beach of Springfield	187
James A. Lawrence of Brookline	20
Whole number of ballots for Lieutenant Governor	was 512
Edmund Frank of Springfield	had 305
Charles Thompson of Charlestown	187
Increase Sumner of Great Barrington	20
Whole no ballots for Secretary of State	was 513
Oliver Warner of Northampton	had 306
John M. Cole of Williamstown	187
Benjamin L. Allen of Boston	20

Town Meeting November 24 1858 (Continued)

Whole no ballots for Treasurer and Receiver General	was 513 votes
Moses Tenney Jr of Georgetown	had 305
Silas Pease of Boston	187
Abner C. Underwood of Milford	20
Whole no ballots for Auditor	was 512
Charles White of Worcester	had 305
Symon L. Mead of Springfield	187
Chandler P. Bansom of Hopkinton	20
Whole no of ballots for Attorney General	was 512
Stephen H. Phelps of Salem	had 305
Cypa Withinson of Dedham	187
Andrew A. Richmond of Adams	20
Peter H. Pease of Middleboro	2
Whole no of ballots for Registrar of Deeds	was 503
James Buffington of Fall River	had 315
John Watson Jr of Cohasset	188
Whole no of ballots for Councillor Dist No 8	was 496
Franklin Ames of St Bridgewater	had 307
John Pierce of Edgartown	187
Joseph E. Burt of Middleboro	2
Whole no of ballots for Senator Plymouth County	was 510
South District	
Erskine B. Law of Fairhaven	had 304
Matthias Ellis of Carver	306
Whole no of ballots for County Commissioner	was 511
Calcutt W. Shady of Bitter Lake	had 306
E. H. Kennerman of St Bridgewater	188
William H. Cooper	10
William Lathum of Bridgewater	1
Whole no of ballots for Registrar of Deeds	was 512
William L. Russell of Plymouth	had 302
Isa Munsell of Carver	210
Whole no of ballots for Registrar of Probate and Insolvency	was 511
Samuel C. Damon of South Scituate	had 373
Eliah Ward of Middleborough	183
Robert King	55

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Whole No. ballots for County Treasurer was 325
 William R. Beaser of Plymouth had 325
 Whole No. of ballots for District Attorney for
 South Eastern District was 498
 R. W. Harris of East Bridgewater had 310
 Edward Smith of Framingham " 187
 Thomas Weston of Middleboro " 1
 Whole No. of ballots for Representative for District was 508
 Corwin Robinson of Middleborough had 308
 ✓ Foster Timkham " " " 203
 C. B. Wood " " " 1
 David Pratt 30 " " " 1
 Voted to dissolve this Meeting
 Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting Dec^r 11th 1858

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro
 being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on
 Saturday, the eleventh day of December, 1858
 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and return
 of which the following is at true copy viz:

Plymouth ss. We Jonathan H. Rickham
 Constable of the town of Middleboro. Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass.
 V. Inasmuch as you are hereby required to notify and warn
 the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro, to
 and by law to vote in town affairs to assemble
 their town house in said town, on Saturday, the
 eleventh day of December, inst. at one o'clock P. M.
 to act on the following articles, to wit:
 First. To choose a Moderator.
 Second. To receive and accept a list of names proposed
 by the Selectmen.

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Third. To see if the town will ratify the doings of
 the Overseers of the Poor in their purchase of a
 Wood Lot for the use of the town and authorize
 them to take a deed of the same.
 Fourth. To see what compensation the town will
 cause to be paid to their Agent or Committee
 for copying certain records for the use of
 the town, and act anything thereon.

Given under our hands this first day of
 December One Thousand Eight Hundred & fifty eight
 Cornelius B. Wood } Selectmen
 Benj. B. Wood }
 George W. Wood } Middleboro.

Plymouth ss.

By virtue of a warrant from the
 Selectmen to me directed, I hereby certify and warn
 the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro, qualified
 to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed,
 by having the articles on said warrant printed
 eleven days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan H. Rickham
 Constable of Middleboro.

Article 1st Voted and made choice of
 J. F. Atwood Moderator
 2^d Voted to accept & adopt the list of names
 as presented by the Selectmen
 3^d Voted to ratify the doings of the Overseers of the Poor
 in relation to the purchase of a wood lot of Silvanus
 Flinckley also to authorize them to take a deed of the same
 4th Voted to pay their Agent thirty five dollars for
 copying the old records in the hands of Seth Miller
 for the use of the town
 Voted to dissolve this Meeting
 Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting, Nov 14th 1857

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting, Nov 14th 1857, pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy, viz:

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan K. Peterson, a Constable of the Town of Middleborough. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday, the fourteenth day of March next at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.
- 2^d To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 3^d To see if the town will authorize the prudential committees of the several School Districts to contract with the teachers in their School Districts the present year.
- 4th To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the town, and order the payment thereof.
- 5th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year.
- 6th To hear the Reports of any Officers, Agents, or Committees of the town, and act thereon.
- 7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, to determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.
- 8th To allow accounts against the town, and act thereon.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer, report the condition of the Treasury, and an estimate for a tax for the ensuing year.

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To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to give money to pay School Teachers the present year.
To take such action in regard to the town's right of taking and disposing of the Shaws the present year as may be in accordance with an "act to regulate the Fisheries in the Taunton Great River and the Namasket River" passed by the Legislature of this State in 1853, and act thereon.

To bring in their bill for three or more persons for Fish Wards.

To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen field drivers shall be town Pounds, as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen pound keepers.

To choose some person to take charge of the Town House.
To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year, and act thereon.

To see if the town will authorize their Assessors of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse, and act thereon.

To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the town's share of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Water Board Corporation in meetings of the same the present year.

To see what action the town will take in relation to building the new road laid out by the County Commissioners on the Petition of G. Sharp, Farmer & others.

To see what action the town will take in regard to selling that part of the place on which Joseph H. Benson now lives that was conveyed to the town by David Atherton, and act anything thereon as they may see cause.

To see if the town will prohibit the removal of the soil from all land taken by the County Commissioners

for widening, straightening and locating highways and all thereon.

21st To see what the town will do in relation to building and locating a Fish House and act anything thereon.

Fail not to make due service on this warrant, and to return your doings herein at the time and place of meeting.

3rd day of March. A.D. 1839.

Commiss. B. Wood } Selectmen
Benj. P. Wood }
George W. Wood } Amherst.

Durham S.D. March 12th 1859

Re virtue of the within warrant, I have caused the Subalterns of Militation, qualified to do so, in Town affairs to meet as within directed, by having the notice in said warrant printed ten days in the Militation Gazette.

Geranium A. Peckham } Consult the
Middletown.

Admitted Voted by ballot and made choice of
E Robinson Esq Moderator

2. Voted by ballot - and made choice of Andrew
M. Foster Town Clerk sworn by the Moderator

Voted by Ballot and Mouth Chorus of the following
persons for Selectmen viz Cornelius B Wood
Benjamin B Wood & George W Wood

✓ Elected by ballot and made Choir of Therman Weston,
for School Committee for three years

Noted by health and muscle choice of the following persons
for Overseers of the Prison viz

Benjamin P Wood Isaac Loomis & Nathan Shing
Voted to proceed to the consideration of the

What Voted is appropriate the sum of forty five hundred ^{or more} for the support of Schools the present year Voted that the Money for the support of the public Schools the present year be put into the hands of the School Committee for them to disburse as they think proper

Poten and made chair of the following Person
for Prudential Committee

But No 1 Benjamin Freeman	But No 13 Nathaniel C Perkins
" 2 Wm C Edsall	" 14 Dennis Shaw
" 3 Erasmus Littlejohn	" 15 David Cornington
" 4 Leonard Briggs	" 16 Wm Saddle
" 5 John Butterworth	" 17 Abner W Sherman
" 6 Samuel Freeman	" 18 J C Shattler
" 7 Augustus W Thomas	" 19 Bradford Bralcy
" 8 Solanus G Worthington	" 20 Jared Pratt 2 ^d
" 9 Ephras Shaw	" 21 Thomas J Pratt
" 10 Lewis A Morse	" 22 Jared Alden
" 11 Marcus Burnip	" 23 Allen A Savory
" 12 Joseph Tinkham	

What to present to the Conservation of the 11th is not

211 Potomac is Phos. A Heavy Agent

Patent and Music Office of Albert Thomas Hastings, Agent

Order that the Herring Agent be instructed to sell the

Flourings for the most that we can get

the Jewish People to have the preference

Noted that the masters in town that pay no taxes home

have two hundred of flooring they to get an order from

The Selectmen for the same

Resolved that the¹ Flaring Money be divided Equally on all

resident tax payers no one to receive those there

his or her Tafel

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Article continued

Voted to locate the fish weirs at the Hitting
Mill Old weir and Sparrows Brook

Voted that no Person shall have over two hundred of
Herring when others are waiting

Article 12 Voted ^{by ballot} and made choice of the following Person for
Fish Wardens viz

Frederick Simmons John C. Barden
and Albert Thomas

Article 2 Voted and made choice of the following Persons for
Surveyors of Highways

Bazilla A. Morse Ephraim Shaw

Willard Wood John C. Perkins Elijah Hackett

Asa Benson Seneca R. Thomas John G. Carr

John Smithham Samuel W. Carter Seth Dorn

George Thurstoff Henry S. Maxim Josiah Smithham

Leander Benson Milton Alden B. S. Washburn

David C. Vaughan Thomas J. Alden Zebulon Leonard

James G. Nichols Thomas Libanon Darius Smith

Henry Kimball Abraham Perkins Thomas Darling

G. W. Wood Jacob Bennett James Snow

Josiah I. Cornish Wm Thomas Noah Clark

Dennis Shaw Thomas Senett Augustus Pratt

Carl H. Cushman Wm Atwood Albert Smith

Ira Smith Moses Gibbs Peter Washburn

Edmund Adams Alpha Croftman; B. F. Thomas

3^d Voted to authorize the Board of Commissioners of
the several school districts to contract with each other
the present year

5th Voted to appropriate in labor and material the sum
of three thousand dollars for the support of
roads and bridges the present year

3000
Highway
Fund

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be directed
to work at least until the summer of three years
before the first of June

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Voted that the Surveyors allow fifteen cents per hour
for the faithful labor of
for Men and Oxen until the first of July, after
that 12 cents per hour Horses Plough Cattle &
discretionary with the Surveyors

Voted that the several Surveyors of the town be
directed to earn their fourth at least of the amount
of their taxes to be worked out on or before the first
day of July next

Voted that each Surveyor of Highways request all
persons to work their highway tax before the first day
of October next should there be any taxes not worked
or paid at that time the Surveyors are directed
to work the same and the Assessors are directed
to give the Surveyors an order on the town Treasurer
for all such taxes worked out by them
and the assessors to put the same in with the town
tax of 1860 of each Person who refuses or neglects
to work or pay their tax

Article 4 Voted and made choice of the following Person
to a Committee to settle with their Treasurer viz
Wm H. Wood Philander Washburn and
Peter H. Perrie

Voted to instruct the Com. to settle with their Treasurer
to report an estimate for a tax at the
April Meeting

18 Voted that the road as laid out by the County
Commissioners on the petition of Joseph Thomas & others
be put into the hands of the selectmen with
instructions for them to earn it to be built

10th Voted to authorize their Treasurer to hire money
to pay school Teachers the present year

19 Voted to authorize Stetson Benson to sell
that part of the plan on which Joseph H. Benson
now lives that belongs to the town and
give a deed of the same

Annual Town Meeting March 14th 1859 ^{Continued}

Art 21 in relation to building & locating a fish
~~pond~~ ^{reservoir} to the ~~selectmen~~ ^{selectmen} for them
 to secure the permits and report at the
 next town Meeting

" 20th Voted to indefinitely postpone

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the second
 Monday in April next at one o'clock P M
 in this place

Wm Andrews M Eaton Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting by Adjournment April 11th 1859

This Meeting was taken up April 11th 1859 pursuant
 to Adjournment from March 14th 1859

E Robinson Esq Moderator

Voted to take up the

1st Article Voted by ballot and made choice of
 Wm Eaton Town Treasurer

Voted and made choice of Wm Eaton Collector

Voted and made choice of the following persons for
 Field Drivers Town Drivers & Pound Keepers

Charles Alden Carl Alden Artemus H Shaw

Oran Bryant Henry H Swift G W Wood

George J Leonard Joseph Clark David L Carter

Oramus Littlejohn Dennis Shaw Joseph Stearns

Charles Soule Benjamin G Thibault

Sylvanus Kimbrey Joshua M Eaton Wm B Worn

Henry W Smith Samuel W Rider Thomas M Schaub

Erastus E Gay Job Washburn William Davis

David C Vaughan James Wadsworth Joseph Bush

Voted and made choice of the following persons

Surveyors of Town

Nathaniel Seal Joshua Sherman Wm Eaton

Reuben Atwood George Cox J J Atwood

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Isaac Smith John M Warren Joshua M Eaton

Joshua Jimpson Eliska Perice

Voted to add nine Fish Warden to the number
 already chosen

Voted and made choice of the following persons viz

Abner Vaughan Horis Perkins Thomas F Beaman

Ezra Chase Wm W Pratt James Warren

James W Warren George Leroy Dennis Snow

Voted to choose seven Auditors

Voted and made choice of the following persons for
 Auditors

Stillman Benson Peter H Price Nathan Periz

Ira Smith B P Wood George Leonard J

J F Atwood

Voted to choose five Constables

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons
 for Constables viz

Jonathan R Peckham James G Nichols

Charles White O B Perry and Milton Alden

14th Voted and made choice of Solomon B Finney
 to take charge of the Town House

2nd Voted to expen the following persons from serving Surveyors
 of Highway the present year viz Edmund Adams and
 Abraham Perkins

Voted and made choice of Arad Bryant and

Edwin Holmes Surveyors of highway in place of

Edmund Adams & Abraham Perkins expired

Voted and made choice of Henry W Smith Surveyor

of Highway in place of Lewis Benson deceased

Voted to allow J C Thatchus \$10 for horse hire to

visit schools

Voted that the yard of Field driver be four pounds

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to represent the

towns share of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River

Raid Road Corporation in Meeting of the town

the present year

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #108

TOWN RECORDS 1859-1862, 16:399-465 Holbrook

Annual Town Meeting by Adjournment April 11th 1859

6th Article Voted to accept of the report made by the Com. Secs. of the Poor and place the same on file

21 Voted to build a Fish House 12 x 22 feet and place the same on E Spruce land near Oliver Woods (so called)

Voted that the Selectmen build the fish house to be built

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to take the Material prepared by James W. Warren for the Fish House Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 9th day of May next at two o'clock P.M. this place
Attest A. McCarty Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 9th 1859

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting May 9th 1859 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy Viz

Plymouth Jr To Jonathan B. Peckham a Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court to meet at the town house in said Town of Middleborough the ninth day of May next at one o'clock P.M. then and there to give their votes by ballot to the Selectmen for or against the following article of amendments of the Constitution to wit

No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote or shall be eligible to office unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization and shall be otherwise qualified

Town Meeting May 9th 1859 Continued

according to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth provided that this amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof and provided further that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States born during the temporary absence of the parent there from

Every person qualified to vote as aforesaid may express his opinion on said article of amendment without expressing in his ballot the contents of said article but the form of said ballot shall be as follows Amendment to the Constitution yes or No

And you are further requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to meet on the same day and place aforesaid at three o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit
1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
2d To see what further action the town will take in relation to building the road laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of A. Washburn Jr & others and James Cole Jr & others
3d To see if the town will cause the Bridge on the Norwichee River near the Horse House to be built or repaired and act on any thing thereon
4th To see if the town will procure one or more Road Scrapers or Bent Fallers for the purpose of repairing highways and act thereon

Given under our hands at Middleborough this 28th day of April A.D. 1859

Col. John B. Wood } Selectmen
Benj. P. Wood }
George W. Wood } Middleborough

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Town Meeting May 9th 1859 Continued

Plymouth 9th May 1859

By Virtue of the within Warrant
I have caused the Inhabitants of the town of
Middleboro qualified to vote for Town
and Representatives in General Court to
meet as within directed by having the article
in said warrant printed ten days in the
Middleborough Gazette

Jonathan H. Pickham Constable
of Middleboro

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro
having voted on the Amendment to the Constitution
in manner prescribed the ballots were sorted
counted and declaration thereof made as
by law provided and were as follows

To wit Yes 47 No 43
Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 9th 1859

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to the
warrant at three o'clock and under the
1st article Voted and Made Choice of E. Robinson
Esq. Moderator

2^d art. Voted that the Committee already chosen
be instructed to cause the road to be built this
season or as soon as said Committee shall
think proper to build the same also in
the manner they may think proper for the
best interest of the town and to call on the
County Commissioners if they may think advised
Voted that the Committee be instructed to petition
the County Commissioners for an allowance on the
building the road & bridge at a proper time

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Town Meeting May 9th 1859 Continued

3^d Voted to put into the hands of a Committee
of three Voted and Made Choice of Solomon
Kimbley J. F. Atwood & Philander Washburn
said Committee with instructions to build or
repair the bridge as they think proper

4th Voted that the Town Treasurer pay three hundred
dollars or Ant. Fellers for the use of the town
Voted to Dissolve this Meeting
Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment May 9th 1859

This Meeting was taken up May 9th 1859 pursuant
to Adjournment from April 11th 1859 to Robinson
Esq. Moderator

5th Voted to Allow Samuel Richards bill
against the town \$28.45

Voted to Allow Thomas Westinghills
against the town \$35.76

15th Voted to allow their Treasurer for his
services the past year \$75.00

2^d Voted and Made Choice of Hiram Rogers
Henry Hazen & Daniel Lewis Field Deacons
Jesse Brewer & Poursa Keppes

Voted and Made Choice of Benjamin G. Weather
Surveyor of Highway Arad Bryant Treasurer

6th Heard the report of the Committee chosen
to make an estimate for a tax the present year
accepted and placed on file

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the second
Monday in Oct next at 2 o'clock P.M. in this place

Attest Andrew M. Eaton Town Clerk

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Town Meeting October 10th 1859

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting Oct 10th 1859 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy viz
 Plymouth ss To Jonathan H Peckham
 a Constable of the Town of Middleboro Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified by Law to Vote in Town Affairs to assemble at the Town house in said town on Monday the tenth day of Oct next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2d To review and accept the List of Voters prepared by the Selectmen
- 3d To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the laying out of a part of North Street as a town way and act thereon
- 4th To see what action the town will take in relation to building the road laid out by the County Commissioners on the Petition of William B White & Others

Middleboro Sept 29th 1859

Cornelius B Wood } Selectmen
 Benj P Wood }
 George W Wood } Middleboro

Plymouth ss Oct 10th 1859

By virtue of the within Warrant I have caused the Inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet as within directed by having the notices in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro Gazette

Jonathan H Peckham } Constable of Middleboro

- 1st Voted and Made Choice of Wm B Wood Moderator
- 2d Voted to accept & accept the List of voters as

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Town Meeting Oct 10th 1859 Continued

prepared by the Selectmen
 To accept as a town way that part of North Street as laid out by the Selectmen upon the Petition of Otis L Trickett & Others of which the following is a true Copy viz

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Middleboro upon the petition of Otis L Trickett & Others to lay out as a town way a part of North Street is said town beginning at Main St thence easterly as far as the said North St is now built having given seven days notice to the Land Owners of an intention to lay out the same and having met at the time and place appointed and having presenty examined the report proposed are of opinion that there is occasion for a town way for the use of said town as proposed so therefore lay out said way as follows commencing on Main St at a point bearing North 76 1/2° West 78 feet from the westerly corner of James Cole's dwelling house thence South 40° East 66 rods to the southerly corner of Augustus Thurns house lot the Highway to be three rods wide and to lay on the southerly side of the above described line Mr Joseph Jackson release all damage for laying said Highway through his land which such laying out with the boundaries and advertisement have been filed with the Town Clerk seven days before this Meeting and are now hereby report such laying out with the boundaries and advertisement of the same to said town at the Meeting of the inhabitants regulating warned and notified for them to accept and allow the same

Cornelius B Wood } Selectmen
 Benj B Wood }
 George W Wood } Middleboro
 Oct 10th 1859

To put into the hands of the Selectmen the building of the road as laid out by the County Commissioners on the Petition of Wm B White & Others for them to act for the best interest of the town
 And to adjourn this Meeting till 4th of Oct next Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment

This Meeting was taken up Oct 20th 1859 pursuant to adjournment from May 9th. Wm H. Ware Moderator being absent

Voted by ballot and made choice of Nathaniel Shingler Esq Moderator

Art 6th The Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer made their report which was accepted and is on file

Voted to raise by Tax the sum of Eight Thousand one hundred dollars (\$8,000.00) to defray the expenses of the town the present year

Voted that the Taxes be Appraised and the bills committed on or before the first day of November next

Voted that all those who pay their Taxes in the Months of November and December be allowed Ten per cent Discount those who pay in the Month of January Six per cent and those who pay in the Month of February Three per cent

Voted that the Collector be instructed to make Summons the first of March 1860 to all whose Taxes remain unpaid and to have twenty cents for each Summons to be paid by the Tax payers

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 8th day of November next at Two O'clock P.M. in this place

Attest W. M. Carter Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Nov 8th 1859

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Tuesday the 8th day of November 1859 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is A true Copy viz Plymouth ss

To Jonathan H. Perkins Constable of the Town of Middleborough

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said town on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next (it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said November) at Ten O'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary Treasurer and recorder General Attorney General Auditor Committee for District No 8 District Attorney for the South Eastern District Senator for the South Plymouth District Sheriff one County Commissioner two Special Commissioners and Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Plymouth and for one Representative to represent the ninth District in the County of Plymouth in General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

The names of candidates for all the above offices to be borne on one ballot The Polls will be open from Ten o'clock until Two O'clock P.M. here of said not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said Meeting

Given under our hands this Twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty nine

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Cornelius B Wood { Selectmen
Benj P Wood {
George W Wood { Middleborough

Plymouth for Nov 8th 1859

By virtue of the within warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote in election to meet as within directed by having the articles in said warrant printed eleven days in the Middleboro Gazette { Constable

Jonathan B Peckham { of Middleboro

Then proceeded to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary Treasurer and receiver General Attorney General Auditor Comptroller for District No 8 District Attorney for the South Eastern District Senator for the South Plymouth District Sheriff one County Commissioner two Special Commissioners and Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Plymouth and for one Representative to represent the ninth District in the County of Plymouth in General Court to be holden at Boston 1 on the first Wednesday of January next all upon one ballot with the following result Viz

For Governor

William P Banks of Waltham had 282 Votes
Benjamin F Butler of Lowell " 198 "
George N Briggs of Pittsfield " 27 "

For Lieutenant Governor

Elephator Trask of Springfield had 286 Votes
Hon J C Dennis of Springfield " 198 "
Isaac Sumner of Great Barrington " 24 "

For Secretary of State

Olive Warner of Northampton had 287 Votes
Samuel W Brewster of Adams " 217 "

Town Meeting Nov 8th 1859 Continued

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For Treasurer and Receiver General

Moses Tenney of Georgetown had 287 Votes
George Dennett of Boston " 217 "

For Auditor

Charles White of Worcester had 286 Votes
James E Eastbrook of Worcester " 217 "
James W Liver " 1 "

For Attorney General

Stephen H Phillips of Salem had 286 Votes
David H Mason of Boston " 198 "
Horatio Pratt of Taunton " 19 "

For District Attorney South Eastern Dist

Benjamin W Harris of East Bridgewater had 287 Votes
Josiah C Smith of Abington " 216 "

For Councilor 8th District

Charles F Abbott of Yarmouth had 287 Votes
Obed Swain of Nantucket " 216 "

For Sheriff

James Bates of East Bridgewater had 284 Votes
Nathan M Tribo of Middleboro " 217 "

For County Commissioners

Charles H Paine of Haverford had 258 "
Moses Bates of Plymouth " 235 "
Ephraim Thompson " 2 "

Special Commissioners

James C Ellis of Plympton had 282 Votes
William D Corbett of Abington " 284 "
William Bacon of Hingham " 217 "
Lafayette Smith of Bridgewater " 217 "

For Commissioners of Insolvency

Perez Simmons of Haverford had 285 Votes
Wm H Wood of Middleboro " 263 "
John G. Papp of Plymouth " 263 "
Charles H Drew of Plymouth " 218 "
Jacob Lant " 1 "

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Town Meeting Nov 21st 1859 Continued

of said act

✓ Voted and Made Order of Silvanus Hinckley
and Alkhat Thomas said Committee

Voted that the Committee have power to carry
such evidence before the ^{Said Committee on Fishery} as they think proper

Voted to instruct our representatives to oppose the

Petition of George Williams & Others

also to use his influence in favour of the Petition
of the Fish Agents

3^d Voted to instruct our Fish Agents to petition the
Legislature in to pass a law rescinding the Act
and Town who have the right to sell the privilege
of taking Shad and Blowers in Dammen
Great River or those persons purchasing said
privilege to pay their respective proportion of
the expenses of Fish guards of Mendon who
watch the river at Squamaberry rocks at Perry
Bridge so called

4th Voted to put into the hands of the Overseers of
the Poor to act for the best interest of the Town
Voted to adjourn this Meeting

Wm A M Eaton Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting March 12th 1860

Present

To Jonathan T. Peckham a
Constable of the town of Mendon
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, you are hereby required
to notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in town
affairs, to meet at the Town house in said
town on Monday the Twelfth day of March
next, at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the
following Articles to wit:

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
2^d To Choose all necessary town officers for the
year ensuing.

3^d To see if the town will authorize the District
Committee of the several School Districts to contract
with the teachers in their School Districts the present
year.

4th To Choose a Board of Auditors to examine
claims against the town and order the payments
thereof.

5th To determine the manner of repairing the
highways and bridges the present year.

6th To hear the report of any officers, agents or
Committees of the town and act thereon.

7th To raise such sums of money as may be
necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the
ensuing year, to determine where the same shall
be assessed and how appropriated.

8th To allow accounts against the town and
set them down.

9th To Choose a Committee to settle with their
treasurer report the condition of the
treasury and an estimate for a tax for
the ensuing year.

Annual Town Meeting March 12th 1860

- 10th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay school teachers the present year
- 11th To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year and not otherwise
- 12th To take such action in regard to the towns right of taking and disposing of the shrimps the present year as may be in accordance with an Act to regulate the fisheries in the Tarrant Great River and the Shamashet River passed by the Legislature of this State in 1858 and act thereon
- 13th To bring in their ballots for three or more persons for fish wardens
- 14th To see if the town will vote that the fees of the persons chosen fish drivers shall be two pounds as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen pound keepers
- 15th To choose some person to take charge of the town house
- 16th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer of the poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse and act thereon
- 17th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the towns shares of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Railroads Corporations in meetings of the same the present year
- 18th To see if the town will cause Hopagone Street to be repaired and widened as laid out by the County Commissioners and act as they think proper
- 19th To see if the town will pay any bills of the Surveyors of highways for work done on highways not according to Law

Annual Town Meeting March 12th 1860

- To see what action the town take in relation to building the road laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of Abraham Perkins and others (By request)

Middletown Feb. 29th 1860

Cornelius B. Wood, } Deput. Sec.
Benjamin P. Wood, } of
Geo. W. Wood, } Middletown

Dymouth S. March 12th 1860

By virtue of the within warrant, I have caused the inhabitants of Middletown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said warrant printed ten days in the Middletown Gazette.

Jonathan R. Pickham } Joseph
Middletown

1st Voted by ballot and made choice of
Wm H Wood Esq Moderator

2^d Voted by ballot and made choice of
Andrew M Eaton Town Clerk sworn
by the Moderator

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following
Persons for Selectmen viz
Cornelius B Wood Benjamin P Wood and
George W Wood

Voted that the Selectmen be absent the present year
Voted to choose three School Commissioners

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following
Persons for School Commission viz

Ebenizer W Drake for three years

Isaac H Alwood for two years

Augustus H Paul for one year

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following
Person Consens of the Poor viz Nathan King
Benjamin P Wood and Isaac Lane

Annual Town Meeting March 12th 1860 Continued

- ✓ Voted to appropriate the sum of Four thousand and five hundred dollars (\$4500) for the support of the School the present year
- ✓ Voted that the money appropriated for the Public Schools this year be divided by the School Committee as they think proper
- ✓ Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Constables viz
- ✓ Jonathan H. Peckham Solomon F. Beals James G. Nichols and Otis B. Searcy
- ✓ Voted that the selectmen cut in Herring Agent the present year
- ✓ Voted that the Herring be sold for not more than fifty cents per hundred
- ✓ Voted that the selectmen give the poor widows in town an order for two hundred of Herring each
- ✓ Voted that the net proceeds of the Herring be divided equally on all the residents of the town
- ✓ Voted to locate the fishing places the present year at Claves works (so called) the Old Ware and Appanawasset Brook
- ✓ Voted that no one have more than two hundred of Herring when others are waiting
- ✓ Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons for Fish Wardens viz
- ✓ Benjamin B. Wood Benjamin P. Wood George W. Wood Albert Vaughan Thomas F. Barden George Perkins Albert Thomas Wm W. Pratt George F. Searcy Vernon Snow Reuben Simmons Ezra Chase James W. Warren and Silvanus Hinckley
- ✓ Voted and made choice of the following persons for Auditors viz
- ✓ Peter H. Peirce Leaborn J. Atwood
- ✓ Charles Sprout Pittman Benson Ira Smith George Leonard Jr and William B. White

Annual Town Meeting March 12th 1860

- ✓ Voted and made choice of the following persons for Prudential Committee viz
- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| No 1 Jacob Atwood | Dist No 13 L B Peirce |
| " 2 Wm C. Colby | " 14 Seth Glap |
| " 3 George R. Cuswell | " 15 Henry Shinkell |
| " 4 Isaac D. Bump | " 16 Isaac Vaughan |
| " 5 L. N. Butterworth | " 17 Nathaniel L. Barrows |
| " 6 F. S. Thompson | " 18 Peery L. Cushing |
| " 7 Drury Weston Jr | " 19 Lyman A. Richmond |
| " 8 H. C. Thomas | " 20 James M. Alden |
| " 9 Ephraim Shaw Jr | " 21 Levi Hawthorn |
| " 10 Cyrus Leaborn | " 22 George A. Hammond |
| " 11 Solomon L. Kinton | " 23 Allen A. Searcy |
| " 12 David Clark | |
- ✓ Voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to contract with Teachers in their several School Districts the present year
- ✓ Voted and made choice of the following persons Surveyors of Highway viz
- Benoni Shaw Ephraim Shaw Jr Willard Wood John C. Perkins Abisha Miller Foster Heath Bartlett Thomas Reuel Thompson Wm B. Gibbs Elbridge G. Shaw Samuel Cushman
- Wm F. Briggs Ebenezer C. Shaw Thomas Smith Pittman Hall Elbridge W. Smith Foster Trilham Stephen Thomas Levi Morse Zebulon Leonard James G. Nichols Searcy A. Morse George Cox Henry Shinkell Lyman A. Richmond
- John Butterworth Jr Otis Leach John Bennett Warren Wood Ira Shaw Jonathan Cobb John Clark Thomas Wood Samuel W. Clark Augustus Pratt Castle H. Cushman Thaddeus F. W. Atwood Abisha J. Clark Edmund Adams Eliakim Wood B. F. Thomas George R. Cuswell Albert Smith Augustus H. Leach

Annual Town Meeting March 18th 1860 Continued

Article 5th Voted to appropriate in Lebanon and Malabar the sum of three thousand and five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the support of the roads and bridges in the town the present year

Voted that the several Surveyors of Highways be directed to work at least one half the amount of their taxes before the first day of June next and three fourths at least before the first of July

Voted that the Surveyors allow fifteen cents per hour for the faithful Labour of Men and Oxen until the first of July after that twelve cts per hour Horses Ploughs Carts &c disengaging with the Surveyors

Voted that each Surveyor of Highways request all persons to work their highway tax before the first day of October next should there be any not worked or paid at that time the Surveyors are directed to work the same and the Assessors are directed to give the Surveyors an order on the Town Treasurer for all such taxes worked out by them and the Assessors to put the same in with the Town Tax of 1861 of each person who refuses or neglects to work or pay their tax

" 18th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to cause a section of Disparagin Street to be widened shall agreeable to the laying out by the County Commissioners said section to commence at the bridge over Fall Brook in said Street thence northwesterly thirty three rods in length also to cause any other repairs to be made in said Disparagin St the said Selectmen may think proper for the Publick Safety and Convenience

" 21 Voted that the Selectmen be directed to cause the road to be built as laid out by the County Commissioners on the Petition of Abraham Perkins & others

Annual Town Meeting March 19th 1860

Article 15th Voted and made choice of Joseph T Wood to take charge of the town from the present year

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the Second Monday in April next at Two O'clock P.M. in this place

Attest Andrew M Eaton Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting April 9th 1860 by Adj.

This Meeting was taken up April 9th 1860

pursuant to Adjournment from March 18th 1860

Wm H Wood Esq Moderator being Absent

Voted by ballot and made choice of

Elijah Ward Esq Moderator Protem

Article 2 Voted by ballot and made choice of Milton Eldon Constable

Voted to remove the following persons from Surveyors of Highways the present year viz

Augustus Pratt Jeremiah Cobb E G Shaw

Edward Adams Stillman Hall Thomas Wood

Samuel W Clark William J Briggs

Voted and made choice of the following persons

Surveyors of Highways to fill the above vacancies viz

Chenezer Shaw Elnathan Sherman Enoch Drake

Samuel M Leonard Thomas Reed Nathan Serimann

B P W Lovell Wm J Casey Thomas Snow

Article 3 Voted by ballot and made choice of B P W Lovell

and Adoniram J Goodman Fish Wardens

Voted and made choice of the following persons

for a committee to settle with the Treasurer viz

Jacob B Shaw P H Pease & Elijah Ward

Article 4 Voted by ballot and made choice of A M Eaton Town

Treasurer

Voted and made choice of A M Eaton Town Collector

Annual Town Meeting April 7th 1860 by Adj

Advised Voted and made choice of the following Persons
Field Drivers James Brown and James Peepers
Calab Allen Carl Allen Joseph Allen
Abner Baggut Henry A Swift George W Wood
George Leonard Joseph Clark Edward Adams
Orsamus Littlejohn Solomon Raymond
Joseph Standish Silvanus Hinckley B G Mather
Asa R Willey Wm C Colver Horace Thomas
Henry W Smith Samuel W Rider Joshua Leback
Daniel Lucas Noah Clark Samuel W Clark
David C Vaughan James Hecker E W Smith
Voted and made choice of the following Persons
Surveyors of Lumber Viz

David H Loring Thomas F Borden
William Eaton Edmund H Waterman
George Cox Ichabod F Atwood J B Morton
John M Warren J M Colver Josiah Tinkham
Elisha Pierce

- " 6 the Overseers of the Poor made their report
which was accepted and ordered to be printed
" 10 Voted to authorize their Treasurer to raise money
to pay School Teachers the present year
" 11 Voted to pay their Treasurer for his services the
past year the sum of Seventy five dollars
" 14 Voted that the guards of Prison chosen Field Drivers
shall be Town Drivers
" 17 Voted to authorize their Treasurer to represent the
Towns shares of stock in the Old Colony and Fall
River Railroad Corporation in Meetings of the
same the present year
" 16 Voted to authorize the Overseers of the Poor to confer
with some person to take charge of the Almshouse
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the
Second Monday in October next at two
O'clock P M in this place
Oliver A M Eaton Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 7th 1860

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough,
being duly assembled in Town Meeting the seventh
day of May 1860, pursuant to a Warrant duly
issued and returned, of which the following
is a true copy. Viz.

Plymouth. To Jonathan V. Robinson a
Constable of the Town of Middleborough, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the said
town of Middleborough, qualified to vote for
Senators and Representatives in the General
Court, to meet at the Town-house in said town,
on Monday the seventh day of May next at two
O'clock P. M. then and there to give in their votes
by ballot to the Selectmen for or against the
following articles of amendment of the Constitution
to wit:

First article of amendment.

Any vacancy in the Senate shall be filled
by election by the people of the unrepresented
district upon the order of a majority of Senators
elected.

Second article of amendment.

In case of a vacancy in the Council from a
failure of election, or other cause, the Senate
and House of Representatives, shall by concurrent
vote, choose some eligible person from the people
of the district wherein such vacancy occurs,
to fill that office - if such vacancy shall happen
when the Legislature is not in session, the Governor,
with the advice and consent of the Council,
may fill the same by appointment of some
eligible person.

And any person qualified to
vote as aforesaid, may express his opinion on

Town Meeting, May 7th 1860. continued

each article as designated by its appropriate number, without specifying in his ballot the contents of the article, and by annexing to each number the word "Yes" or "No" or any other words of the same import: but the whole shall be written or printed on one ballot in substance as follows to wit:
Amendment. - article first, yes or no; article second, yes or no.

Given under our hands at Middleboro this 20th day of April 1860.

Cornelius B. Wood } Selectmen
Benj. D. Wood }
Geo. H. Wood } Middleboro.

Plymouth Co. May 7th 1860.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have caused the Inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court, to meet at the Town-house as within directed by having the articles in said Warrant Printed Eight days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan C. Peckham
Constable of Middleboro

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, having acted on the Amendment to the Constitution in manner provided, the ballots were ascertained, counted and declaration thereof as by law provided, and were as follows. To wit: First Article of Amendment - Yes Six
Second article of Amendment - No - Four. Second Article of Amendment - Yes - Six. No - Six.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.
Attested: Attestation Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Oct. 8th 1860.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting Oct. 8th 1860 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy. To wit:

Plymouth Co. To Jonathan C. Peckham a Constable of the Town of Middleboro. -
Directing - On the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town house in said Town on Monday the 8th day of October next at One o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles. To wit -

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
2nd To revise and accept the list of names as prepared by the Selectmen

3rd To see if the town will accept and allow the report of the Selectmen in relation to certain alterations in the highway near the house of James S. Damp as made by them on the petition of Edward H. Waterman & others.

4th To see if the town will accept and allow the report of the Selectmen in relation to discontinuing a private way leading from Center St. by the dwelling house of James S. Damp and to Forest St.

Middleboro Sept 26, 1860

Cornelius B. Wood } Selectmen
Benj. D. Wood }
Geo. H. Wood } Middleboro

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Town Meeting Oct. 5th 1860. continued.

Plymouth, ss. Oct. 5, 1860.

By virtue of the written Warrant I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro' qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro' Gazette.

Jonathan A. Packham,
Constable of Middleboro'.

- 1st - Voted and made choice of Clark Ward, Moderator.
- 2nd - Voted to accept and adopt the List of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
- 3rd - Voted to accept and adopt the Report of the Selectmen in relation to alteration of highways, on petition of Edward H. Waterman & others, of which the following is a true copy:

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Middleboro', upon the application of Edward H. Waterman and others to discontinue a part of the highway leading from the house of James S. Burap by the house of the late Goulds to the Boston road in Middleboro' and to lay out a new road having given seven days notice of our intention to lay out the same and also to discontinue a part of the aforesaid road, and stated in said notice the reasons thereof by showing the landowner and also by showing said waterman and public places in said town and in the vicinity of the proposed road and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose, and having personally examined the said proposed, are of opinion

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Town Meeting Oct. 5th continued.

that there is occasion for a new town way for the use of said town. We therefore lay out said way as follows: Commencing at a stake on Summer St. bearing South 87° west 2 rods & 4 links from the easterly corner of Thomas Wadsworth's dwelling house, thence South 51° west 2 rods & 12 links to a stone, thence West 2 rods & 7 links, thence North 50° west 3 rods and 11 links to Plymouth St. the highway to extend easterly from the aforesaid line to Plymouth St. and the old road that lay of said line to be discontinued. The corner of the adjoining land claimed on damages, which was laying with the boundaries and said measurements have been filed with the town clerk on the 28th day of September A.D. 1860, being seven days before this meeting, and we more fully report said laying out with the boundaries and measurements of the same to said town at the meeting of the inhabitants regularly warned and notified for them to accept or allow the same.

Middleboro' Oct. 5th 1860.

Jonathan A. Packham

J. V. Ford, Middleboro'.

- 4th - Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen to discontinue a private way on petition of James A. Leonard & which the following is a true copy:

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Middleboro', upon the application of James A. Leonard

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Town Meeting Oct. 5th 1860.

and thus to ascertain that portion of a private way leading from Centre Street by the house of James A. Leonard to Street St. Having given seven days notice of our intention to discontinue the same, and stated in said notice the reasons therefor by notifying James A. Leonard and also by posting said notice in two public places in said town and in the vicinity of the proposed route, and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose and having personally examined the route proposed. Part of opinion that that portion of a private way leading from Centre Street by the easterly side of the dwelling house of James A. Leonard to First Street should be discontinued and we therefore discontinued the same, which such discontinuation and boundaries have been filed with the Town Clerk on the first day of October inst. being some days before this meeting and we now act by report such discontinuation with the boundaries thereof as laid down at the meeting of the inhabitants regularly warned and notified for thereof accept and allow the same.

Middlebury, Oct. 1st 1860.

Conrad Wood
Jas. A. Wood
J. M. Wood

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Oliver A. Eaton Town Clerk

Oct. 5, 1860

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

This Meeting was taken up Oct. 8th 1860. pursuant to adjournment from May 7th 1860. William H. Wood, Esq. being absent, voted by ballot, and made choice of Eliot Ward, Esq. Moderator & Clerk.

Art. 6. Voted to accept and adopt the report of Committee to settle with the Treasurers.

Art. 7. Voted, raise the sum of Seven thousand eight hundred and thirty three Dollars (\$7833) to defray the expenses of the Town for the present year.

Voted that the taxes be assessed and the bills submitted on or before the first of November next.

Voted that all those who voluntarily pay their taxes in the months of November and December be allowed ten per cent discount; those who pay in the month of January six per cent, and those who pay in the month of February three per cent.

Voted that the collector be instructed to issue summonses the first of March 1861 to all whose taxes remain unpaid and to have twenty cent for each summons to be paid by the taxpayer and if the taxes are not paid by the first of May to proceed to collect them according to law and to close them up by the first of June.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to make a detailed report of
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Annual March Meeting by Adjournment
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the expenses of the Town from March
1st 1861. to March 1st 1861.

Voted and made choice of
S. Williams Knibbly, Joseph T. Wood
& Nathan King for said Committee.

Voted that the Com. be instructed
to have 1000 copies of the Report printed
for distribution.

Voted to adjourn to the 6th of Nov.
at three o'clock.

Attest A. M. Eaton
Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting Nov. 6. 1861.

The Inhabitants of the Town of
Middletown being duly assembled
in Town Meeting on Tuesday the
sixth day of November 1861 pursuant
to a Warrant duly issued and returned
of which the following is a true Copy
Plymouth P.

To Jonathan B. Peckham, Clerk
of the Town of Middletown Greeting

On the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
hereby required to notify and warn the
inhabitants of said Town of Middletown
qualified to vote in elections, to meet at
the Town house in said Town on Tuesday
the sixth day of November next, it being
the Tuesday next after the first Monday
of November at Ten o'clock A.M. to
give in their votes to the electors for
Members Electors of President and Vice President
of the United States of America, two at
large and one for each Congressional
District into which the Commonwealth is di-
vided; also for Representatives to represent the
second Congressional District in the next
Congress of the United States; also for
Governor of the Commonwealth Lieutenant
Governor, Councilor for District No. 5, Secretary,
Treasurer and Vicar General, Attorney Gen-
eral, Auditor of Accounts, Justice for the
North Plymouth District, Representative for
represent the North District in the County
of Plymouth in the General Court to be holden
at Boston the first Wednesday of January
next, and one County Commissioner for the
County of Plymouth - all upon one ballot.

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Town Meeting November 6th 1840 continued
The Polls will be open from ten A.M.
till two P.M.

Fail not to make return of
this warrant with your doing there at the
time and place of meeting. Given
under our hands at Middleborough this
25th day of October A.D. 1840.

Samuel B. Wood } Shobnon
Benj. P. Wood }
Sec. W. Wood } Middleborough.

Plymouth A.

November 6th 1840.

By virtue of the within warrant
I have caused the inhabitants of Middleborough
qualified to vote in Elections to meet at
a public school by having this warrant
inserted above days in the Middleborough
Gazette.

Jonathan K. Peepham
Constable of Middleborough.

Then proceeded to vote for Electors
of District and Vice-President of the
United States; also for Governor, Lieutenant
Governor, Members of 3rd Congress - Second
District - Representative District No. 9
Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney
General, County Commissioners, Senator
South Plymouth District, and for Councilor
Eight District.

Then the following result viz.

For Electors at Large.

George Morrey of Boston	had	430
Reuben A. Chapman of Springfield		480
C. H. Chapin of Springfield		72
Ebenezer Weston of South Berwick		72
Samuel Davis of Worcester		100

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Town Meeting November 6th 1840 continued.

Charles Robbins of Dec.	had	130 votes
John Simons of Worcester		60
Marshall P. Wilder of Dorchester		60

For an Elector for District No. 1.

Alfred May of Taunton	had	48 votes
R. B. Pomeroy of Barnstable		72
Samuel Butler of Taunton		60
Joseph Trinnell of New Bedford		60

District No. 2.

James C. Heston of C. Bridgewater	had	100 votes
P. H. Heston of C. Bridgewater		72
Benjamin S. Chase of Somerset		100
Benjamin Heston of Abington		60

District No. 3.

John M. Fergus of Abington	had	48 votes
A. Gleason of Dorchester		72
W. A. Aldrich of Abington		100
Henry S. Mansfield of Abington		60

District No. 4.

Charles B. Hall of Boston	had	48 votes
B. F. Hall of Boston		72
W. J. Reynolds of Abington		100
Samuel Heston of Abington		60

District No. 5.

Peter H. Chandler of Boston	had	48 votes
G. H. Chandler of Boston		72
A. S. Chapin of Cambridge		100
J. Thomas of Abington		60

District No. 6.

John G. Whittier of Amesbury	had	48 votes
Henry Everett of Lynn		72
George W. Foster of Salem		100
Nathaniel Aldrich of Abington		60

District No. 7.

Gerry W. Graham of Abington	had	48 votes
C. Frothingham of Abington		72
Sec. W. C. Heston of Abington		100
A. G. White of Abington		60

Town Meeting November 6th 1846 continued.

For an Elector District No. 8.

John Smith of Lowell had 80 votes
 Peter Haggerty " 72 "
 Ambrose Hooper of Haverhill 136 "
 O. S. Richardson of Lowell 46 "

District No. 9.

Amasa Walker of South Berwick had 81 votes
 John Spurr of Charleston 72 "
 Levi Baker of Worcester 136 "
 John G. Thurston of Lancaster 46 "

District No. 10.

Charles Field of Athol had 80 votes
 W. Lathrop of South Hadley 72 "
 Stephen C. Davis of Springfield 136 "
 George B. Baker of Northampton 46 "

District No. 11.

Charles Maltison of Greenfield had 80 votes
 R. Noble of Westfield 72 "
 Phineas Allen of Pittsfield 136 "
 Wm. G. Bates of Westfield 46 "

For Governor.

John A. Andrew of Boston had 68 votes
 Benjamin T. Butler of Lowell 72 "
 Erasmus D. French of Springfield 136 "
 Amos A. Lawrence of Brockton 72 "

For Lieut. Governor.

John W. Goodrich of Stockbridge had 74 votes
 David A. Carpenter of Greenfield 72 "
 Charles Thompson of Charleston 136 "
 George Marston of Barnstable 74 "

For Secretary of State.

Oliver Warner of Northampton had 74 votes
 J. W. Brewster of Adams 136 "
 W. H. Condit of Middlebury 71 "
 James Parent of Brockton 46 "

Town Meeting November 6th 1846 continued.

For Treasurer.

Henry W. Allen of Lawrence had 74 votes
 George Bennett of Boston 72 "
 Samuel A. Eliot of Cambridge 75 "
 Silas Pierce of Boston 136 "

For Auditor.

Levi Reed of Abington had 74 votes
 J. W. Hanson of Middlebury 72 "
 J. Henry Hill of Worcester 75 "
 J. C. Carter of Lowell 136 "

For Attorney General.

Quintus Foster of Worcester had 75 votes
 D. W. Wilson of Charleston 72 "
 Henry Morris of Springfield 75 "
 Charles C. Lamb of Greenfield 136 "

For Member of 37th Congress - 2nd Dist.

James Buffinton of Fall River had 135 votes
 Aaron H. Bart of East Bridgewater 215 "

For Comptroller 5th District.

E. C. Sherman of Plymouth had 75 votes
 W. H. Pierce of Middlebury 72 "
 Thomas Robinson of Fishery 75 "

For County Commissioner.

James Duggles of Rochester had 75 votes
 Chandler Sprague of North Bridgewater 71 "
 Thomas W. Thompson of Carver 136 "

For Justice South Plymouth District.

John M. V. of Wareham had 75 votes
 Foster Trickett of Middlebury 72 "
 Arthur C. Adams of Concord had 75 "
 Eliah Hunt of Middlebury 136 "

For Representative to General Court Dist. No. 7.

Francis M. Thurgood of Middlebury had 75 votes
 A. M. Tuley " 72 "
 Edward C. Sharrow " 136 "
 William N. Jordan " 71 "
 F. W. V. of " 136 "
 Edward S. Shaw " 2 votes.

Town Meeting, November 6th 1840 Continued

Voted to discontinue this meeting
Attest Andrew H. Eaton
Town Clerk

Middlebury Dec 18th 1860. 434

Be it known that the undersigned
Selectmen of the Town of Middlebury have
this day appointed Theodore H. Allen
Town Clerk of said town given under
our hands this Eighteenth day of
December Eighteen hundred and Sixty

Cornelius B. Wood,

Benjamin P. Wood,

George W. Wood,

Selectmen
of
Middlebury

and was duly sworn to said office

Be it known that the undersigned
Selectmen of the Town of Middlebury
have this day appointed Theodore H.
Allen Treasurer & Collector of taxes for
said town pro tempore to hold his
office until another one is chosen
given under our hands this Eighteenth
day of December Eighteen hundred & Sixty

Cornelius B. Wood,

Benjamin P. Wood,

George W. Wood,

Selectmen
of
Middlebury

A true Copy attest.

T. H. Allen,

Town Clerk.

pro tempore

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Annual Meeting, March 11th 1861.

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro; met in Town Meeting on Monday, March 11th, 1861, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:-

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan H. Pockham, a Constable of the Town of Middleboro; - greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro; qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on Monday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:-

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3. To see if the town will authorize the prudential committees of the several school districts to contract with the teachers in their school districts the present year.

4. To choose a board of Auditors to examine claims against the town and order the payment thereof.

5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

6. To hear the reports of any officers, agents or committees of the town, and act thereon.

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, to determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.

8. To allow accounts against the town, and act thereon.

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Annual Town Meeting, March 11th 1861. Continued

9. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer, report the condition of the Treasury, and an estimate for a tax for the ensuing year.
10. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay school teachers the present year.
11. To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year, and act thereon.
12. To take such action in regard to the town's right of taking and disposing of the alwives the present year as may be in accordance with an Act to regulate the fisheries in the Taunton Great River and the Namasket River, passed by the Legislature of this State in 1855, and act thereon.
13. To bring in their ballots for three or more Fish Wardens.
14. To see if the town will vote that the year of the persons chosen Field Officers shall be Town Bonds as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen Bond Keepers.
15. To choose some person to take charge of the Town House.
16. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse, and act thereon.
17. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the town's shares of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad corporation, in meetings of the same the present year.
18. To see if the town will build a Look-up near that part of our town known as the village of the Four Corners, and act anything thereon. (By request.)
19. To see if the town will build, or cause to be built, the road laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of W^m B. Gibbs and others, and act

Annual Town Meeting, March 11, 1861. Continued

- anything thereon. (By request.)
20. To see if it is the sense of the town to remit the whole or any part thereof of the tax assessed to Richmond, Pickens & Co. last year, in consequence of their Mill being destroyed by fire; and also to refund the whole or any part thereof of the tax assessed to Benson & Smith in 1859, for the same cause, and act anything thereon.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of February, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one.

Cornelius B. Wood, } Selectmen
Benj. P. Wood, }
Geo. H. Wood, } Middleboro:

Plymouth St. March 11th 1861.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have caused the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro: qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed, by having the articles in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleborough Gazette.

Jonathan H. Pichham
Constable of Middleboro:

Voted by ballot, and made choice of W^m H. Wood, Esq., as Moderator for said meeting.

Voted by ballot and chose Sidney Tucker Town Clerk, and he was sworn by the Moderator.

Voted by ballot and chose the following persons as

Selectmen.

Cornelius B. Wood, Benjamin P. Wood, George H. Wood.

Assessors.

Cornelius B. Wood, Benjamin P. Wood, George H. Wood.

Overseers of the Poor.

Benjamin P. Wood, Nathan King, Isaac Lane.

School Committee. Augustus H. Soule, for 3 years.

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Annual Town Meeting, March 11, 1861. - continued.

Constables.	<u>Constables.</u>	
✓	J. C. Peckham, James G. Nichols, Messrs. Peckham, Perry, Nichols and Pratt were sworn by the Moderator.	James Cole Jr., Olin B. Perry, Milton Alden, Thomas J. Pratt.
	<u>Auditors.</u>	
Auditors.	George Leonard, Jr., Joshua C. Perkins, Stillman Benson.	Earl Sproat, J. C. Alwood, Wm. B. White, J. M. Eddy.
✓		
Treasurer.	Town Treasurer, - Sidney Tucker.	
Report	The Selectmen, as Herring Agents for last year submitted the following report:-	
of	The Selectmen, into whose hands the taking and disposing of the Herrings were placed by the town, last year, would respectfully report that the	
Selectmen	Number of Fish taken at the lower weir was 64316	
as	" " " " " " upper " "	8,000
	" " " " " " Brook "	1452
	Whole number taken - 73768	
Herring	The Amount for which the fish sold at the lower and upper weirs, after deducting 8000 delivered to widows, was \$321.88	
Agents.	Amount rec'd for those taken at the Brook	3.63
	" " of A. J. Bushman for fish sold at Squawbilly	3.64
	" " from several owners of farms on Taunton River towards defraying the expenses of protecting the fish at Squawbilly.	34.00
	Total Amount of gross receipts. - \$362.85	
	Expenses paid out as follows:-	
	Mrs. Vaughan, Bill Boarding \$23.14. A. J. Bushman Bill \$91.07	114.21
	Geo. W. Warren " Fishing 48.37- R. Simmons " 9.00-	57.37
	Squa Chase " " 22.96- Wm. W. Pratt " 3.25-	26.21
	Peirce & Wood " Ware, 6.00- R. P. W. Lovell " 1.00	7.00
	Earl Sproat " Rent, 3.00- James Snow " 3.00-	6.00
	R. H. Perkins " Repairs 3.53- Thos. J. Sarden " 5.00-	8.53
	Geo. W. Wood " 26.75- Geo. S. Savery " 5.00	31.75

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Report	C. B. Wood, Bill 11.00	J. D. Bump 2.00	13.00
	B. P. Wood 1.00	A. Thomas 5.00	6.00
	P. Washburn		.64
			\$270.73
	Net cash receipts		\$92.12
	Lakeville's proportion about		\$19.04
	Middleboro's " "	73.08	92.12
	Committee B. Wood, B. P. Wood, Geo. H. Wood		Selectmen M. Addis.

Middleboro, March 9, 1861.

Herrings at Peasebush. Voted to sell the Herrings the present year at the highest price they will bring.

Voted that the Selectmen act as Herring Agents.

Voted that the Selectmen be ordered to furnish the poor widows in town each with one hundred salted herrings, to be furnished within thirty days after the time they cease taking them at the weirs.

Voted that the widows make known to the Selectmen their wishes in regard to Herrings before the last day of April.

Voted to locate the fishing places at Oliver's Works (so called), the Old Mill, and Assawampsett Brook.

Voted to raise the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500) in labor and material, for the support of Roads and Bridges the present year.

Voted that the Surveyors be authorized, if they think best, to cause to be worked one half of the amount of their taxes before they receive their bills.

Voted to allow the same for labor as last year, viz: fifteen cent per hour for the faithful labor of men and oxen, until the first of July; after that twelve cents per hour. Horses, Ploughs, Carts &c., discretionary with the Surveyors.

Voted and chose the following named persons

Annual Town Meeting, March 11, 1861. Continued.

Surveyors of Highways.	Surveyors of Highways.		
	Benoni Shaw,	Isaph Atwood, Jr.	Edward H. Waterman
	Charles White,	Bradford Chase,	Samuel W. Rider,
	Samuel Thomas,	Venus Thompson,	Nathl Shurtliff, Jr.
	Williams Eaton,	Orien E. Deane,	William S. Briggs,
	Ebene C. Shaw,	Thomas Smith,	Stellman Benson,
	William Washburn,	George S. Savery,	Harvey C. Thomas,
	Wm B. White,	Cheney Redding,	Joshua M. Eddy,
	Thomas M. Lebaton,	James Smith,	Jacob Thompson,
	Lewis Eaton,	Leonard Mitchell,	George W. Wood,
	Amasa Thompson,	Sylvanus Hinchley,	Charles Finkham,
	Sylvester F. Cobb,	Noah Clark,	Joseph S. Barden,
	Alden C. Bissce,	Thomas J. Pratt,	Edward Richmond,
	Matthew H. Cushing,	Tyler Pierce,	Edward Adams,
	Ebene Pickens,	Israel Smith,	Ellis Weston,
	Arvin A. Pratt,	George M. Leach,	Benjamin Shaw.

Surveyors
be Collectors. Voted that the several surveyors of Highways be
collectors of their tax bills.

Voted and chose the following persons
Field Drivers and Fence Viewers.

Field Drivers	Field Drivers and Fence Viewers.		
and	Calab Alden,	Winstow Pratt,	Joseph Alden,
Fence Viewers.	Arad Bwant,	Edwin Soule,	George W. Wood,
	George S. Leonard,	Oliver Perkins,	Edward Adams,
	William Swift,	Samuel Raymond,	Ben: P. W. Lovell,
	John Finkham,	William Carter,	B. G. Thrasher,
	Eaton Conant, Jr.	William C. Eddy,	Hercules Thomas,
	Chas. B. Perry,	Noah Clark,	Joshua LeBaron,
	Samuel Leach,	Samuel W. Clark,	David C. Taughton,
	John C. Perkins,	Eliab Ward,	George Hammond,
	Nathaniel H. Cushing,	Ebene Finkham,	Jared F. Alden,

Voted that the Field Drivers be also bound by
and that their yards be town pounds during the
term of office.

Voted and chose Joseph C. Wood to take
charge of the Town House for the ensuing year.

Annual Town Meeting, March 11, 1861. Continued.

Voted and chose the following persons
Surveyors of Lumber.

David A. Loring,	Edward J. Waterman,	Thomas F. Barden,
Joshua M. Eddy,	Williams Eaton,	Isabod J. Atwood,
John D. Horton,	John H. Harnes,	Joshua Sherman,
Artemas C. Clark,		

Voted by ballot and chose the following persons
Fish Wardens.

C. B. Hood,	Geo. W. Wood,	B. P. Hood,
J. F. Barden,	William W. Pratt,	Peuben Simmons,
B. P. W. Lovell,	Albert Thomas,	George S. Savery,
Sylvanus Hinchley,	Venus Snow,	

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treas-
urer. Chose Philander Washburn, Jacob B. Shaw and Horatio
Barrows as said Committee.

Voted that the committee to settle with the Treasurer
be instructed to report at an adjournment of this
meeting in April.

Voted to appropriate four thousand five hundred
dollars (\$4500) for the support of schools the present year.

Voted that the money appropriated for schools
be divided by the School Committee as they shall
think proper, among the several districts.

Voted that each school district in town be
authorized to select its own Prudential Committee.

Voted that the Prudential Committees of the
several districts be empowered to contract with
their teachers the ensuing year.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire
money (with the approval of the selectmen) to pay
school teachers, when there is not enough in the
Treasury for the purpose.

Voted that the sum of seventy-five dollars be
allowed by the town for Treasurer's services last year, and that
the selectmen divide the same between Messrs. Eaton and Alden.

Lock Up.

Resolved to choose a Committee of three to obtain information in regard to location, plan, specifications, expense, &c. of a bookshop near the village of the Four Corners, and report at the next Town Meeting. Chose as said Committee, J. H. Jenkins, Sylvanus Finchley and Jacob B. Shaw.

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petition of

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Resolved to choose a Committee of three to build or cause to be built, the road laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of Wm B. Gross and others. Chose as said Committee John G. Fink, Hillman Benson and Savary A. Morse.

Noted to authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to represent the towns shares of stock in the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad corporation, in meetings of the same the present year.

Told to remit so much of the tax of Rich-
mond, Pickens & Co. for last year, as relates to their
mill and machinery, destroyed by fire.

Voted to refund so much of the Tax of Bros
& Smith for 1867 as pertains to their Mill and
machinery, destroyed by fire.

voted to adjourn to the second Monday
in April, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Attest, - Sidney Tucker Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting - by Adjournment - April 8th 1861.

The annual meeting was taken up by adjournment, April 8th 1861. The moderator, Rev. Wm. H. Wood, being absent, Schabod F. Atwood, on ballot, was chosen Moderator pro tem, and he was sworn by the Clerk.

Toted and chose Ellis Mayham Surveyor of Highways
instead of Benj. Shaw, deceased.

Voted and chose Wm Davis, Surveyor of Highways, in place of Edward Adams, excused.

Voted and chose George Soule, Sealer of Weights and Measures

Voted and chose the following persons as

Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

Elisha Peirce, Thomas S. Peirce, E. H. Waterman,
John L. Norton, J. W. Thompson, Simon D. Wilbur,
Williams Eaton, George Cox.

Voted by ballot for collector and made choice
of Sidney Tucker.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer present their Report, making the following estimates for taxes Schools \$4500; Support of Poor \$1,000; Roads and Bridges \$1500 Other Expenses \$833. Total \$7833. Voted to accept the Report.

J. B. Shaw declined serving on Committee to settle with the Treasurer, and Stephen B. Gidds was chosen insto

3. Voted to raise the Tax for the year seven thousand eight hundred and thirty three dollars (\$7833) inclusive of school appropriation before voted.

Voted that the Taxes be assessed and committed by the first of October.

Voted, that 10 per cent. be deducted on Taxes paid in Oct. 7. to

" " 6 " " " " " " " " December

" " 3 " " " " " " " " " " Januat

Voted, that the Collector be instructed to proceed to collect the Taxes forthwith according to law, after Feb. 18

✓ Voted to choose two additional Fish Wardens, and
J. O. Burgess and Ezra Chase were chosen.

The Selectmen presented a Report on Guide Posts, and the Report was accepted.

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Lock 7 p. The Committee to consider the subject of a Lock up made a Report asking further time. The subject was recommitted to the same Committee, with instruction to report at the annual meeting in March, 1862.

Lock up at Alms house Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Lock up at the Alms House, and make all needed repairs on it. Benj. P. Wood, Nathan King and Isaac Lane were chosen as said Committee.

75 p. Voted that the Constables or Officers receive from the Lock up at the Alms House, when they receive pay from no other source, their bills to be referred to the Board of Auditors.

Vacancy filled Ira Smith was chosen Surveyor of Highways instead of George M. Leach, excused.

Voted to adjourn to the second Monday of September, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, Sidney Tucker Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 8th 1861.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Monday, April 8th 1861, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan K. Peckham, Constable of the town of Middleboro, greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town, on Monday, the eighth day of April next, at three o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

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2. To see what action the town will take in regard to unpaid taxes.

3. To see if the town will adopt any further measures with reference to the sale of the map of the town.

Given under our hands this 29th day of March, A.D. 1861.

Cornelius B. Wood, } Selectmen
Benj. P. Wood, }
George W. Wood, } Middleboro.

Plymouth ss. April 8th 1861.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have caused the inhabitants of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed, by having the articles in said Warrant printed seven days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan K. Peckham, Constable of Middleboro.

Voted, by ballot, and chose J. J. Howard, as Moderator.

Voted, that the Selectmen and Assessors cause all Town, State, School and Fire District Taxes remaining unpaid to be collected or remitted forthwith.

Voted, that the colored and mounted Town Maps be sold at 25 cents each and the unmounted at 10 cents; that they be put into the hands of the Town Clerk for sale; and that he sell but one to an individual member of a family.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest, Sidney Tucker, Town Clerk

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The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Monday, May 6th, 1861, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:-

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan H. Peckham, a Constable of the town of Middleboro: - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of May next, at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2^d To see what action the town will take in relation to those who may volunteer, or have volunteered from this town, and any other business in relation to the war.

Given under our hands this 25th day of April, A.D. 1861.

Cornelius B. Wood, Schoolman
Benj. P. Wood, Jr.
Geo. W. Wood, Middleboro

Plymouth ss. May 6th, 1861.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have caused the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet as within directed, by having the articles on said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan H. Peckham
Constable of Middleboro

Voted and chose Capt. Jared Pratt as Moderator.

Voted that the meeting be opened by prayer. One Ephraim Dampas performed that service.

Voted that the town raise Five Thousand Dollars from their Old Colony & Fall River Rail Road Stock for war purposes if needed.

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Voted that the town sell Five Thousand Dollars worth of Old Colony & Fall River R.R. Stock, if necessary, for the purpose of paying all citizen volunteers that belong to this town.

Voted, that, feeling it our duty to encourage the raising of a company of volunteers in this town, we will guarantee the pay of all members of said company, citizens of this town, twenty-six dollars per month, while in service.

Voted, that we appropriate no part of the Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of uniforming or equipping our volunteers.

Voted, that we appropriate Two Thousand Dollars for the purpose of equipping, drilling, uniforming and sending away a volunteer company of citizens from this town.

Voted that we raise one company from this town.

Voted, that we choose a Committee of three to take charge of the money that has been voted. Benjamin P. Wood, Cornelius B. Wood, and Geo. W. Wood were chosen as said Committee.

Voted, that the town guarantee to furnish each citizen volunteer soldier (if the State does not) with a uniform, which shall not cost over ten dollars for each volunteer, and pay them one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per day, when called upon for drill, not to exceed three days in a week, for four weeks.

Voted, that the Committee be authorized to sell Two Thousand Dollars worth of Old Colony & Fall River R.R. Stock for the foregoing purpose.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized (if needed) to transfer Old Colony & Fall River Railroad stock, not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars.

Voted, that when the company of volunteer citizens of this town are called into service, they shall have one month's pay in advance. Attest Sidney Tucker.

Voted to dissolve this meeting. Jason Clark.

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Town Meeting, July 27th, 1861.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Saturday, July 27th 1861, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan K. Peckham, constable of the town of Middleboro: - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said town, on Saturday, the twenty seventh day of July inst. at four o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To see if the town will vote to raise money and apply the same under the direction of their Selectmen, for the aid of the wives and of the children under sixteen years of age, of any of their inhabitants, members of the volunteer militia of this State, enlisted and mustered into the service of the United States, and those dependent on them for support, in cases wherein the money paid will be reimbursed by the State, as provided in the act entitled "An act in aid of the families of volunteers &c," passed by the legislature of Massachusetts, May 23rd 1861.

Given under our hands this 18th day of July A.D. 1861.

Cornelius B. Wood, Selectmen
Benj. B. Wood, Middleboro:
Geo. W. Wood.

Plymouth ss. July 27th 1861.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have caused the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed, by having the articles in said Warrant

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printed eight days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan K. Peckham

Constable of Middleboro:

Voted and chose Schobed F. Atwood, Esq. as Moderator.

Mr. F. Wood presented the following preamble and resolution:-

Whereas, we, deeming it both expedient and necessary to aid the families of our soldiers, who are serving our country in the field, therefore

Resolved, that our Selectmen be authorized and instructed to raise by tax a sufficient sum of money, and pay to the family of each inhabitant of this town, who, as a member of the volunteer militia of this State, is now or may be enlisted into the service of the United States, one dollar per week for the wife, and one dollar per week for each child under sixteen years of age, of such inhabitant; also one dollar per week to each parent whom the selectmen shall deem dependent upon such inhabitant for support; provided that the sum so paid shall not amount to more than twelve dollars per month to any one family.

Voted to accept the above resolution.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest

Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting Sept 9th 1861 by adjournment.

The annual meeting was taken up by adjournment, Sept 9th 1861, at 2 o'clock P.M. The moderator Hon. W. H. Wood, being absent, Geo. W. Wood Esq. was by ballot, chosen Moderator pro tem.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday, September 16th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest

Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk.

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Annual Town Meeting, Sept. 16th 1861, by adjournment.

The annual meeting was taken up by adjournment Sept. 16th, 1861, at 2 o'clock P.M. The Moderator, Hon. Wm. H. Wood, being absent, Zebulon Pratt, Esq. was chosen Moderator pro tem, by ballot.

Added \$667 to previous appropriation
Voted to add six hundred and sixty seven dollars to the amount previously appropriated for town expenses [making the whole amount \$8500.]

G.W. Wood
Bill for services as Fish Agent
George W. Wood, Esq. presented a bill of \$175.92 for services and loss of horse as Fish Agent. The bill was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Schabod F. Atwood, Everett Robinson and Elijah C. Perkins, to consider and report at the next town meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to three weeks from today, (Oct. 7th), at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest, — Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting, Oct. 7th 1861, by adjournment.

The annual meeting was taken up by adjournment, Oct. 7th, 1861, at 2 o'clock P.M. The Moderator, Hon. Wm. H. Wood, being absent, E. Robinson Esq. was by ballot, chosen Moderator pro tem.

Bill of G.W. Wood as Fish Agent
S. F. Atwood, Chairman of the Committee on Geo. W. Wood's bill for services as Fish Agent, made a report of their doings.

Voted, to recommit the report to the same Committee, to report at the next March meeting; with instructions to report the amount of damage, if any.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday, Nov 5th 1861.

Attest, — Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting, Oct. 7th 1861.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro' met in Town Meeting on Monday, Oct. 7th 1861, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan C. Peckham, a Constable of the town of Middleboro' — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro' qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of October next, at two o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, to wit:—

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d To revise and accept a list of jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen.
- 3d To see if the town will petition the next Legislature of this State for an alteration in the law "regulating the Fisheries in Taunton Great River and the Narragansett River" and act any thing in relation thereto.

Given under our hands at Middleboro' this 27th day of September, A.D. 1861.

Cornelius B. Wood } Selectmen
Benj. D. Wood }
Geo. W. Wood } Middleboro'

Plymouth ss Oct. 7th 1861.

By virtue of the within warrant I have caused the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro' qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed, by having the articles in said warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro' Gazette.

Jonathan C. Peckham,
Constable of Middleboro'.

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Jurors.

Voted, by ballot and chose E. Robinson, Esq. as Moderator.

Voted to accept the list of names presented by the Selectmen as jurors.

Notify towns

owners of

Squawbetty

Dam in

regard to fish

Voted that this town notify the towns on Taunton Great River that own the right of taking fish in said river that they should be at the expense of watching the fish at Squawbetty dam; also, notify the owners of Squawbetty dam that we shall depend upon them to get the fish by said dam.

Committee

to confer

with towns

Voted, to choose a committee of one to confer with the towns that own the right of taking fish on Taunton Great River in relation to the best way of protecting them as they pass up the river.

Committee

to confer

with towns

on petition

Legislature

Voted and chose Hon. Wm. H. Wood to serve the town as the above committee.

Voted that our committee be instructed to confer with the towns owning fish privileges on Taunton Great River as to the best manner of causing a good and sufficient passage for herrings and shad through Squawbetty dam or Kings bridge, so called; or petition the Legislature in relation to the same, as he may think best for the interest of the town; or do anything else he may think for the interest of the town in relation thereto.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest. Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1861. State Election.

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The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Tuesday Nov 5th 1861, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan T. Peckham, Constable of the town of Middleboro greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleboro qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in said town, on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November; at Ten o'clock A. M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for District No. 8, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, Senator for the South Plymouth District, Representative to represent the Ninth District in the County of Plymouth in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, Clerk of the Courts for Plymouth County, one County Commissioner, County Treasurer, and Register of Deeds for said County of Plymouth. The Polls will be open from Ten o'clock A. M. till Two P. M.

Fail not to make returns of this warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting. Given under our hands at Middleboro this twenty fifth day of October A. D. 1861.

Conrad B. Wood, } Selectmen
Benj. B. Wood, }
Geo. W. Wood, } Middleboro.

Plymouth ss. Nov 5th 1861.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have caused

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the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs to meet as within directed by having the articles in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan E. Peckham,
Constable of Middleboro.

Then proceeded to vote for the Officers named in the above Warrant, all upon one ballot, with the following result:

Governor.	For Governor.	
	John A. Andrews of Boston.	had 269 votes.
	Isaac Davis of Worcester.	" 152 "
Lieut. Gov.	For Lieut. Governor.	
	John Nesmith of Lowell.	had 271 votes.
	Edwin C. Bailey of Boston.	" 152 "
Secy of State.	For Secretary of State.	
	Oliver Warner of Northampton.	had 271 votes.
	Frederick C. Prince of Winchester.	" 147 "
Treasurer.	For Treasurer and Receiver General.	
	Henry W. Oliver of Salem.	had 271 votes.
	Emory Sanford of Oxford.	" 151 "
Auditor.	For Auditor.	
	Levi Reed of Abington.	had 271 votes.
	Moses Bates of Plymouth.	" 147 "
Attorney Gen.	For Attorney General.	
	Gwight Foster of Worcester.	had 271 votes.
	Edward Avery of Braintree.	" 147 "
Councillor.	For Councillor - Eighth District.	
	E. C. Sherman of Plymouth.	had 401 votes.
Senator.	For Senator - South Plymouth District.	
	John E. Crane of Bridgewater.	had 397 votes.
Clerk of Courts.	For Clerk of Courts.	
	William H. Whitman of Plymouth.	had 400 votes.
Register of Deeds.	For Register of Deeds.	
	William S. Russell of Plymouth.	had 400 votes.

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For County Treasurer.

William R. Sever of Plymouth had 400 votes.

For County Commissioner.

William P. Corbitt of Abington had 269 votes.

Edwin H. Kingman of Bridgewater 139 "

For Representative to General Court - 9th District.

Andrew J. Pickens of Middleboro had 182 votes.

Francis M. Vaughan " " 178 "

Foster Tinkham " " 1 "

George Pickens " " 1 "

Augustus Pratt " " 1 "

Milton Alden " " 1 "

And Andrew J. Pickens was declared to be elected as Representative.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest - Sidney Sucker,
Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting, Nov. 5, 1861, by adjournment.

The annual Town Meeting was taken up by adjournment, Nov. 5th, 1861, at 4 o'clock P.M. The Moderator, Hon. Wm. H. Wood being absent, Cornelius B. Wood Esq. was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting held in this place.

Attest - Sidney Sucker,
Town Clerk.

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The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Monday, March 3^d at 2 o'clock P.M. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy:—

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan T. Pickham, a Constable of the town of Middleboro:— Greeting.

Whereas, by the resignation of William P. Conthell Esq. of Abington, a Special Commissioner for said County of Plymouth, a vacancy has occurred which should be filled.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the qualified voters of the said town of Middleboro to meet at the Town House in said town on the first Monday of March next, at Two o'clock P.M. then and there to bring in their votes for a Special Commissioner for said County to fill said vacancy.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Cornelius B. Wood, } Selectmen
Benj. P. Woods } of
Geo. W. Wood } Middleboro.

Plymouth ss. March 3^d 1862.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have caused the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed, by having the Articles in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan T. Pickham,

Constable of Middleboro.

The meeting was called to order by C.B. Wood Chairman of the Selectmen. Then proceeded to ballot for Special Commissioner, with the following result:—

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Joseph T. Wood, of Middleboro:	had	5	votes,
John M. Soule,	"	1	vote,
Levi H. Coombs,	"	1	"
Alpha Crossman jr.	"	1	"
Daniel Lucas,	"	1	"
Albert C. Pickens,	"	1	"
Elbridge W. Smith,	"	1	"
Nathan King,	"	1	"
Ara M. Thomas,	"	1	"
Job Lucas,	"	1	"
Azel Washburn,	"	1	"
Ebenezer Pickens,	"	1	"
Sylvanus Kinchley,	"	1	"
George Pickens,	"	1	"
Levinzo Tinkham,	"	1	"
Wm. B. Wood,	"	1	"

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest.— Sidney L. Barber.

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Monday, March 10th, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy:-

Plymouth ss. To Jonathan N. Pickham, Constable of the town of Middleboro - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Monday the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:-

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 3rd To see if the town will authorize the Prudential Committee of the several School-districts to contract with the teachers in their school districts the present year.
- 4th To choose a board of Auditors to examine claims against the town and order the payment thereof.
- 5th To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridge the present year.
- 6th To hear the reports of any officers, agents, or committees of the town, and act thereon.
- 7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year; to determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.
- 8th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to raise money to pay school teachers the present year.
- 9th To allow accounts against the town and act thereon.
- 10th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, report the condition of the Treasury, and an

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estimate for a Tax for the ensuing year.

- 11th To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer for his services the past year, and act thereon.
- 12th To take such action in regard to the town's right of taking and disposing of the shawms the present year as may be in accordance with an Act to regulate the Fisheries in the Taunton Great River and the Namasket River, passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1855, and act thereon.
- 13th To bring in their ballots for three or more Fish Wardens.
- 14th To see if the town will vote that the yards of those persons chosen as Fence Viewers shall be Town Bounds as long as they remain in office, provided they shall also be chosen Pound Keepers.
- 15th To choose some person to take charge of the Town House.
- 16th To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouses, and act thereon.
- 17th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to represent the town's shares in the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Corporation, in meetings of the same the present year.
- 18th To see if the town will authorize the transcribing and indexing of certain portions of the former Town Records in a convenient form for reference - in books already provided - and act anything thereon. (By request.)
- 19th To see if the town will adopt Sect. 2^d Chap 83^d Gen. Stat. of Mass. - as follows: - "Whoever takes or catches any pickered or trout in any rivers, streams, or ponds, in any other manner than by hooks and lines, or takes or catches any pickered from the first day of December to the first day of May, shall forfeit one dollar for every pickered or trout so taken, and

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if he is a minor his guardian shall be liable to said forfeiture." (By request.)

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Sixty-two.

Cornelius B. Wood, Selectmen
Benj. P. Wood, of
George W. Wood, Middleboro.

Plymouth ss. March 10th 1862.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at their Town House, as within directed, by having the articles in said Warrant printed ten days in the Middleboro Gazette.

Jonathan R. Peckham,
Constable of Middleboro.

Moderator. Voted by ballot and chose Nathan King, Esq. as Moderator for said meeting, sworn by C. B. Wood, Esq.
Clerk. Voted by ballot and chose Sidney Tucker as Town Clerk, and he was sworn by the Moderator.

Voted by ballot and chose the following persons as Selectmen:
Sidney Tucker Ira Smith Benjamin P. Wood
Voted to choose no Assessors.

Overseers of Poor:
Benjamin P. Wood, Nathan King, Isaac Lane.
School Committee - Matthew F. Cushing for 3 years.
Treasurer and Collector - Sidney Tucker.

Constables:
James Cole Jr. Ois B. Perry, Milton Alden,
Thomas F. Pratt, William B. White, Wm Briggs,
Lathrop S. Thomas Sidney Tucker.
Messrs. S. Tucker and Wm B. White were sworn.

Report of Com. on Geo. W. Wood's Bill. F. F. Atwood, Esq. Chairman of the Committee on Geo. W. Wood's Bill for services as Fish Agent, &c. presented a report

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which was accepted and placed on file.

Voted to allow the first clause of Mr. Wood's bill, amounting to \$2392, to be paid from the herring money.

Voted to allow Mr. Wood \$24.00 for extra services as Fish Agent, to be paid from herring money.

Voted to sell the herrings the present year at the highest price they will bring.

Voted that the Selectmen act as Herring Agents.

Voted that the Herring Agents be ordered to furnish the poor widows in town each with one hundred salted herrings, to be furnished within thirty days after they cease taking them at the wharves; widows to make known their wishes in regard to the same before the last day of April.

Voted to locate the fishing places at Oliver's Works (so called), the Old Pier, and Assawampsett Brook.

Voted that the proceeds of the herrings after paying expenses, be divided on the tax-paying polls in town.

Voted by ballot and chose the following persons as Fish Wardens:

Sidney Tucker,	Ira Smith,	Benj. P. Wood,
Thomas F. Bardon,	Wm W. Pratt,	Benben Simmons,
Benj. P. W. Lowell,	Albert Thomas,	Venus Snow,
George S. Savory,	Sylvanus Hinckley,	

Voted to pay the Treasurer One Hundred and fifty dollars for his services during the past year.

Voted and chose the following persons as Auditors:

Cornelius B. Wood,	Arad Corington,	J. F. Atwood,
Benj. F. Wood,	Noah C. Atkins,	

Voted and chose the following persons as Committee to settle with the Treasurer:

Joseph E. Beals,	Cornelius B. Wood,	Nathan King,
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Voted to instruct the above Committee to report an estimate for a tax at the adjournment of this meeting in April.

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\$4000 for Schools. Voted to appropriate Four Thousand Dollars for the support of schools the present year; the money to be divided among the several school districts in town by the School Committee, as they shall think proper.

Districts to choose Prud. Com. Voted that the several districts be authorized to select their own Prudential School Committees, and that they be required to make certified returns of the persons chosen to the Town Clerk before the second Monday in April next.

Prud. Com. Voted that the Prudential Committee be empowered to contract with the teachers for their several districts the present year.

Teachers. Voted to raise Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, in labor and material, for the support of Roads and Bridges the present year.

\$2500 for Roads & Bridges. Voted to allow ten cents per hour for the labor of men and oxen, until the first day of July; after that eight cents per hour - horses ploughs, carts &c. discretionary with the Surveyors.

Price of Labor on Highways. Voted that the Surveyors be authorized to allow ten per cent discount on all Highway Taxes paid in money before the twentieth day of June.

Allow discount on Labor Tax paid in Money. Voted that the several Surveyors be authorized to cause to be worked out one-third of the amount of their taxes before receiving their bills.

Work out 1/3 before receiving Bills. Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be collectors of their tax bills.

Surveyors to be Collectors. Voted to postpone the consideration of the nineteenth article of the Warrant to the next meeting.

Postpone Art. 19. Voted to authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse.

Overseers of Poor to contract with Almshouse Super. Voted and chose Joseph T. Wood to take charge of the Town House.

Town House Com. Voted that the eighteenth article be referred to the Selectmen to determine what is necessary to be done, expensed and report at the next town meeting.

Refered Art. 18 to Selectmen.

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Voted and chose the following persons as

Surveyors of Highways:

Adnah Jackson,	Leonard Mitchell,	Josiah C. Vaughan,
David F. Staffin,	Sylvanus Kinckley,	Seth Shurtleff,
Elbridge W. Smith,	Isaac Soule,	Andrew Benson,
Lorenzo Sturtevant,	Edward H. Wataman,	Cephas Shaw,
Soranus Wentworth,	William S. Briggs,	Winslow Pratt, jr.
Ebenezer Pickens,	William C. Swift,	Charles C. Finkham,
James W. Warren,	Jacob Thompson,	Noah Clark,
Henry Redding,	George W. Wood,	Abisha T. Clark,
William Shaw,	Charles F. Cornish,	Samuel B. Paty,
Edward Richmond,	Edward Adams,	Charles Marchant,
William P. Peirce,	Benoni Shaw,	Solomon L. Harlow,
Henry Weston,	Soranus G. Wrightington,	John Witham,
Henry H. Thompson,	Ebenezer A. Shaw,	Harvey C. Thomas,
Thomas J. Wood,	Thomas H. Lebaron,	Joseph S. Burden,
Elisha Cox,	Leonas Bishop,	Levi Atwood,

Field Drivers and Fence Viewers:

Lorenzo Finkham,	William C. Swift,	Otis B. Perry,
John C. Perkins,	Sylvanus Kinckley,	Nathl. S. Rushing,
Eliah Ward,	Edwin Soule,	Winslow Pratt, jr.
Seth Fuller,	William Carter,	Lloyd Perkins,
William Swift,	Wm. C. Eddy,	John Raymond,
William B. Wood,	Eben. Finkham,	Noah Clark,
George Hammond,	Benj. G. Thresher,	Saml. W. Clark,
Elbridge G. Shaw,	George W. Wood,	Charles B. Wright,
Caleb Alden,	George S. Leonard,	Thomas A. Lebaron,
Arad Bryant,	John Finkham,	David C. Vaughan,

Voted that the Field Drivers be Pound Keepers and that their yards be Town Pounds during their term of office.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood & Bark:

A. W. Thompson,	George Pickens,	George Cox,
Thomas S. Peirce,	Williams Eaton,	Lewis Leonard,
Andrew C. Wood,	Joshua Sherman,	Joshua H. Eddy,

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Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark - continued.
Edward H. Waterman, David H. Loring, Thomas F. Barden,
John M. Warren, John D. Norton, J. F. Alwood,
Samuel W. Clark, Abisha T. Clark.

Adjourned. Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the second Monday in April next at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Attest. Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk.

Annual Town Meeting April 14th 1862 by adjournment.

The annual meeting was taken up by adjournment April 14th 1862, at one o'clock P. M.

Reconsidered vote giving Widows 100 Herrings. Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the meeting on March 10th furnishing poor widows with 100 salted herrings.

Furnish Poor Widows each with 200 Fresh Herrings. Voted that the Selectmen furnish poor widows each with two hundred fresh herrings to be delivered at the wharf, or one dollar (\$1.00) in money to be paid from the proceeds of the herrings; widows to make known to the selectmen their wishes in regard to the same before the last day of May.

Copying Records \$50. The Selectmen reported in relation to copying and indexing a portion of the Old town records and the report was accepted. Voted to appropriate Fifty dollars for that purpose and the same was placed in the hands of the Selectmen to secure the copying of such portions as seems most desirable and at best possible rate for the interest of the town.

Fish Wardens. Voted to add two to the previous number of Fish Wardens. Voted by ballot and chose C. B. Wood and Ezra Chase.

Scaler of Weights &c. Voted for a Scaler of Weights and Measures and chose George L. Soule.

Wagoner of Coal. Voted for a Wagoner of Coal and chose Andrew C. Wood.

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Annual Town Meeting April 14th 1862 by adjournment.

Discussed. Voted to excuse Thomas L. Pierce from serving as Measurer of Wood, Lumber and Bark.

Persons serving as officers. Voted to authorize the selectmen to appoint such persons as Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark as the public convenience may require.

Voted to excuse Edwin Soule from serving as Field Driver and Fence Viewer and chose G. W. Bradford.

Voted to excuse Wm. Eddy from serving as Field Driver.

Voted to excuse Wm. E. Swift from serving as Surveyor of Highways and chose Southworth Ellis.

Reports of Selectmen. C. B. Wood Esq. presented a report of the Selectmen as Committee to dispose of Railroad Stock and apply the same for the benefit of Volunteers; also a report of Selectmen as Herring Agents; also on Guide Boards. Each report was accepted.

Report of Overseer of Poor. Nathan King presented a report of the Overseer of Poor for the past year, which was accepted.

Bills. Benj. P. Wood presented a bill of \$1680 for services as Overseer of the Poor; Nathan King also presented a bill of \$27.91 for services as Overseer of the Poor; and Isaac Lane a bill of \$10.00 for services as Overseer of the Poor, which bills were allowed and ordered to be paid.

Money. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to have money under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay School teachers the present year.

Town's Shares in the Old Colony & Fall River Railroad. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to represent the town's shares in the Old Colony & Fall River Railroad corporation in meetings of the same the present year.

Resolving. Voted to adopt Sect 24 Chap 83^d General Statutes of Mass. - as follows: "Whoever takes or catches any pickerel or trout in any rivers, streams or ponds in any other manner than by hooks and lines, or takes or catches any pickerel from the first day of December to the first day of May shall forfeit one dollar for every pickerel or trout so taken, and if he is a minor his guardian shall be liable to said forfeiture."

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #109
TOWN RECORDS 1862-1865, 16:466-535 Holbrook

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Attest, Sidney Tucker,
Treas. Clerk

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the 14th day of April inst, at 2 o'clock P.M. for the

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Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest
Sidney Jackson,
Treas. Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting, June 9th. 1862, by adjournment

The annual meeting was taken up by adjournment. June 9th. 1862, at two o'clock, P.M. The Moderator Nathan King, being absent. J. F. Wood was chosen as Moderator *pro tem*.

Report of
Com. to settle
The Committee to settle with the Treasurer presented a report of their settlement, which was accepted.

Reconsidered
Vote respecting
Discoun.
Voted to reconsider the vote respecting Discounts on Taxes passed at the adjournment of the annual meeting, April 14th. 1862.

Amended vote
Voted to amend the vote by striking out the words "on the property taxes".

The original vote was then passed as amended.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest. Sidney Thayer Town Clerk.

War Meeting

Town Meeting, July 28. 1862.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting on Monday, July 28th. 1862, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy.

Plymouth ss. To either Constable of the town of Middleboro - greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleboro, qualified by law to vote in towns affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday, the twenty eighth day of July inst. at Four o'clock P.M. to act on the following article to wit:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see what means the town will adopt

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to raise their quota of volunteers now called for by our government and act thereon.

3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of offering a bounty to persons who may enlist as volunteers in the army, and act thereon.

4. To see if the town will build, or cause to be built, the road laid out on the petition of Jacob Thompson and others, and act anything thereon.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of July A.D. 1862.

Benjamin P. Wood Selectmen
Ira Smith Middleboro

Plymouth ss. Middleboro, July 28. 1862.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed, by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleboro Gazette two weeks successively prior to said meeting.

James Cole Jr. Constable of Middleboro.

Voted and chose Hon. H. H. Wood as Moderator.

On motion of Dea Ephraim Phipps, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev George Washburn.

Voted, that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to pay a bounty of one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125) to every person who shall within thirty days enlist as a volunteer in the service of the United States under the call of his Excellency the Governor for fifty six men from this town, and who shall be duly mustered into said service and be accepted by an authorized officer as a part of the quota of said town.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to sell and transfer so much of the stock of the

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Old Colony & Fall River Rail Road Company
owned by this town as shall be sufficient for
the purpose of paying the above bounties.

Voted that the road laid out by the County
Commissioners on the petition of Gast Thompson
and others be put into the hands of the Select-
men to build, or cause to be built at a proper
time.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest. Sidney Tucker,
Treas. Clerk.

Town Meeting, Aug. 25, 1862.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro
assembled in Town Meeting on Monday, the 25th
day of August, 1862, pursuant to a Warrant duly
issued and returned, of which the following is a
true copy:-

Plymouth p. To either Constable of the town of
Middleboro.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby requested to notify and warn the
inhabitants of said town of Middleborough qual-
ified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at
the Town House in said town, on Monday, 26th
day of August, at 3 o'clock P. M. to act on the
following Articles, to wit:-

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see what measures the town will take
in relation to raising a volunteer company to
serve nine months in the army of the United
States, under the order of the Secretary of War, dated
August 4th 1862, and act anything the town may

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see cause in relation to raising volunteers under
said act.

3. To see if the town will appropriate and
raise a sum of money for the purpose of of-
fering a bounty to persons who may enlist
as volunteers under the order of the Secretary
of War dated August 4th 1862 and act any-
thing in relation to the same the town may
see cause.

Given under our hands this fifteenth
day of August, 1862.

Benjamin P. Wood, } Selectmen
Ira Smith, }
Sidney Tucker, } Middleboro.

Plymouth p. Middleborough Aug. 25th 1862
By virtue of the within Warrant I have
notified and warned the meeting as directed. By
causing the same to be advertised in the Mid-
dleborough Gazette ten days successively prior
to said meeting.

James Cole, Jr.
Constable of Middleboro.

Voted and chose Hon. Wm. H. Wood, as Moderator.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to
pay a Bounty of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars
to each one who volunteers for nine months -
till our quota is filled.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to
recruit a company of militia to include those
volunteers, and that the expenses thereof be paid
by the town.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to
hire a sufficient sum of money to pay the boun-
ties and expenses of recruiting, at a rate of interest

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not to exceed six per cent per annum.
 When to be paid. Voted that the bounties be paid when the men are accepted as a part of our quota, and mustered into the United States service.

Sell R.R. Stock. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell and transfer our remaining shares of Old Colony & Fall River Railroad Stock, towards paying the bounties.

✓ Hon. Wm. H. Wood was excused from serving as Moderator for the remainder of the meeting, and Hon. Philander Washburn was chosen in his stead.

Com. of 12 to get up War Meetings. Voted that a Committee of twelve be appointed to get up war meetings every evening this week, or until our quota is filled.

✓ Voted that this Committee should consist of the first twelve persons enlisting, as follows:—Erastus Gay, Frederic E. Wood.

✓ Voted that all who may enlist be added to this committee.

Com. of 3 to get recruits. Voted to choose a Committee of three to go into every part of the town, and to give their whole attention to getting recruits till our quota is filled; said Committee to be paid for their services. Chose as said Committee Seneca Russell Thomas, Frederic E. Wood and J. Horace Soule.

Volunteers in other Companies to receive Bounty. ✓ Voted that those residents of this town who belong to volunteer companies in other towns be entitled to this town's bounty when they are accepted as a part of our quota, and mustered into the United States service for the nine months.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest,

Sidney Tucker,
 Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Oct. 13th 1862.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro assembled in Town Meeting at their Town House, on Monday, Oct. 13th 1862, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy.

Plymouth ss. To either Constable of the town of Middleboro Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleborough qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday, 13th day of October, at Doctock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see what measures the town will take in relation to paying a bounty to all 9 months volunteers now mustered into the United States service from this town, and act anything thereon.
3. To see what measures the town will take in relation to a law suit commenced by the town of Dartmouth and act anything thereon.

Given under our hands this third day of October, 1862.

Benjamin P. Wood } Selectmen
 Ira Smith }
 Sidney Tucker } Middleboro.

Plymouth ss. Middleborough October 13th 1862.
 By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed, by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette, ten days successively prior to said meeting.

Sidney Tucker Constable of Middleborough

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Town Meeting, Oct. 13, 1862. continued

Moderator Voted and chose Hon. Wm. H. Wood as Moderator.

Pay \$150 to all Voted to pay the bounty of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars to each of the nine-months volunteers now mustered into service from this town.

Selectmen authorized to transfer to other towns Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to transfer the surplus of men enlisted from this town above our own quota to any other town, provided such town will repay to us the amount of bounty paid by us to such men; and provided also satisfactory assurance can be given that such men shall be credited to us in case more men are called for from our town during the present war.

Law suit Voted that the lawsuit commenced by the town of Dartmouth against this town be referred to the Overseers of the Poor to do as may seem to be most for the interest of the town in the matter.

Dartmouth vs Middleboro Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest, Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Nov. 4, 1862.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in Town Meeting, on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1862, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and return of which the following is a true copy:

Warrant Plymouth ss. To James Cole Jr. a Constable of the town of Middleborough. — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Middleborough qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town on

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Town Meeting, Nov. 4, 1862.

Tuesday, the fourth day of November next, at nine o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To receive and accept a list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
3. To see what the town will do in relation to remitting a part or all the taxes of our volunteers now in the United States Service and act anything thereon.
4. To hear reports from any town officer or agent of the town.

Given under our hands at Middleborough this 31st day of October, A.D. 1862.

Benjamin P. Wood, } Selectmen
Esa Smith, }
Sidney Tucker, } Middleborough.

Plymouth ss. Middleborough, Nov. 4, 1862.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette ten days successively prior to said meeting.

James Cole Jr.
Constable of the town of Middleborough.

Voted and chose Hon. Philander Washburn as Moderator.

Town accepted Voted to accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

Taxes 3 years Voted that the Assessors be requested and instructed to remit the Poll Taxes assessed on soldiers who died during the time they were in the U. S. Service, who enlisted for three years.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest, Sidney Tucker,
Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Nov. 4, 1862. State Election.

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in town meeting, in accordance with the following Warrant.

Plymouth ss. To James Cole, Jr. Constable of the town of Middleboro. - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Middleboro qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Tuesday, the fourth day of November next, - it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, - at ten o'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for District No. 8, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, Senator for the South Plymouth District, Representative to represent the ninth District in the County of Plymouth in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, District Attorney, Sheriff, two Commissioners of Insolvency, Representatives in Congress for the first District, one County Commissioner and one Special Commissioner, all on one ballot.

The Polls will be open from ten o'clock A.M. till two P.M.

Fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Middleborough this twenty-first day of October A.D. 1862.

Benjamin P. Wood } Selectmen
Fra Smith }
Sidney Tucker } Middleborough

Town Meeting, Nov. 4, 1862. State Election.

Plymouth ss.

Middleborough, Nov. 4, 1862.

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette ten days successively prior to said meeting.

James Cole, Jr.

Constable of Middleboro.

Then proceeded to vote for the officers named in the above Warrant with the following result.

For Governor

John A. Andrew of Boston. 410
Charles Devens Jr. of Worcester. 232

For Lieut Governor.

Joel Hayden of Williamstown. 410
Thomas F. Plunket of Pittsfield. 237

For Secretary of State.

Oleiver Warner of Northampton. 409
Nathanial B. Shurtliff of Boston. 235

For Treasurer.

Henry R. Oliver of Salem. 409
Daniel Saunders of Lawrence. 236

For Auditor.

Levi Reed of Abington. 409
Charles B. Kimball of Ipswich. 236

For Attorney General.

Dwight Foster of Worcester. 410
A. W. Paine of Cambridge. 235

For Representative to Congress 1st Dist.

Thomas D. Eliot of New Bedford. 410
Daniel Fisher of Edgartown. 235

For Councillor 8th Dist.

Samuel Osborn Jr. of Edgartown. 411
Oliver C. Swift of Edgartown. 235

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For State Senator

Joshua E. Crane of Bridgewater had 402
William Savory of Carver " 240

For District Attorney

B. H. Harris of East Bridgewater 409
Edward Avery of Braintree 237

For Sheriff

James Bates of Plymouth 413
Samuel Bradford of Plymouth 233

For County Commissioners

Charles H. Paine of Halifax 404
Thomas Southworth Jr. of Carver 233
E. B. Thompson " 2

For Special Commissioners

Charles Shuter of Hingham 409
Edward H. Kingman of North Bridgewater 237
Williams Latham of Bridgewater 237
James Howard of West Bridgewater 1

For Representative to General Court 9th Dist.

Evett Robinson of Middleboro 402
James Henry Currier of Middleboro 232
J. Pratt " 1
H. C. Perkins " 1

Evett Robinson was declared to be elected
as Representative to the next General Court from the
9th District.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest. Sidney Tucker
Tolson, Clerk

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Town Meeting March 2nd 1863

The inhabitants of the town of Middleborough
met in Town Meeting on Monday March 2nd
at 2 o'clock P.M. pursuant to a Warrant
duly issued and returned of which the
following is a true copy.

Plymouth, ss. James Coley a Constable
of the Town of Middleborough - Greeting.
Whereas by the death of Charles Shute Esquire
of Hingham a Special Commissioner for said
County of Plymouth a vacancy has occurred
which should be filled;

You are hereby required in the name of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to
notify and warn the qualified voters of the
said Town of Middleborough to meet at
the Town House in said Town on the first
Monday of March next at two o'clock P.M.
then and there to bring in their votes for
one Special Commissioner for said
County to fill said vacancy.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day
of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

Benjamin S. Wood Selectman
Bra Smith of
Sidney Tucker Middleborough

Plymouth ss. March 2nd 1863

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have
notified and warned the meeting as directed
by causing the same to be advertised in the
Middleborough Gazette ten days previously
prior to said meeting.

James Coley
Constable of the
Town of Middleborough

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Town Meeting March 2nd 1863

The meeting was called to order by Benj. P. Wood Chairman of the Selectmen.
Then proceeded to ballot for Special
Commissioners with the following result

Edward Casneau of Hingham
had 9 votes.

Attest

Sidney Tucker
Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March 9th 1863

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' met
in Town Meeting on Monday March 9th 1863 pursuant
to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which
the following is a true copy

Wymouth Jr. To James Cole Jr. Constable of the Town
of Middleborough - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby required to notify and warn
the inhabitants of the said Town of Middleborough
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet
at the Town House in said Town on Monday the
Ninth day of March next at Ten O'clock A.M.
to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2nd To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 3rd To see if the town will authorize the Prudential
Committee of the several School districts to contract
with the teachers in their school districts the
present year
- 4th To Choose a board of Auditors to examine claims
against the town and order the payment thereof
- 5th To determine the manner of repairing the
Highways and Bridges the present year
- 6th To hear the reports of any Officers, Agents or
Committees of the town and act thereon
- 7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary
to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing
year and to determine when the same shall be
assessed and how appropriated
- 8th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to
hire money to pay school teachers the present year
- 9th To allow accounts against the town and
act thereon
- 10th To Choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer
report the condition of the Treasury and an estimate

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- for a Tax for the Ensuing Year
- 11th To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer and collector for his services the past year and act thereon
- 12th To take such action in regard to the Towns right of taking and disposing of the Alewives the present year as may be in accordance with an Act to regulate the fisheries in the Taunton Great River and the Namasket River passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1855, and since, and act thereon
- 13th To bring in their ballots for three or more Fish Wardens
- 14th To see if the town will vote that the Wards of those persons chosen as Fish drivers shall be town Bonds as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen Bond Keepers
- 15th To choose some person to take charge of the Town House
- 16th To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse and act thereon
- 17th To see what action the town will take in relation to abolishing the School Districts in Town according to the fourth section of the Thirty ninth Chapter of the General Statutes
- Given under our hands this Twenty seventh day of February in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty three

Benjamin P. Wood } Selectmen
Ira Smith }
Sidney Tucker } Middleboro

Plymouth St. Middleboro March 9th 1863
By order of the within Wardant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleboro Gazette two weeks successively prior to said meeting
James Cole Jr
Constable of Middleboro

Town Meeting March 9th 1863

- Moderator Voted by ballot and chose Eliot Ward Esq as Moderator
- Clerk Voted by ballot and chose John Shaw Jr as Town Clerk and he was sworn by the Moderators
- Voted by ballot and made choice of the following persons as Selectmen
Ira Smith Joseph D. Wood Alpheus K. Bishop
Voted to choose no Assessors
- Overseers of the Poor
Cornelius B. Wood Isaac Lane Ebenezer Pickens
School Committee
Ebenezer W. Drake for 3 Years
- Constables
Andrew L. Wood Isaac Clark James E. Nichols
Olis B. Perry Olis W. Hathaway
- Voted that the taking of the Alewives in the Namasket River be referred to the Selectmen for their disposal as last year. Located their fisheries at the Slitting Mill The Old Weir and the Assawampsett Brook
- Voted to pass over the choosing of Fish Wardens
- Voted and chose the following persons as Auditors
George Leonard Jr. Matthew H. Bushing
John L. Borden Noah C. Perkins Sylvanus Hambley
- Committee to settle with the Treasurer
Cornelius B. Wood Joseph E. Bales Edward F. Howard
- Surveyors of Highways
Adnah Jackson Edward W. Cole William Nashburn
William B. White James M. Alden Ebenezer Pickens
Isaac D. Bump Abnera Ridding Augustus Pratt
Edward Richmond Andrew L. Wood John Bennett
Iroy W. Thompson Charles Hagan Jacob Smith
Thomas Darling Benjamin L. Brown Devitt C. Bradford
Venus Snow John B. Cobb Francis G. Pratt
Isaac Haden Nathan T. Foster Joel Haskins

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Sensors of Highways	Edward Adams	Isaac Shurtleff	Elder Thomas
	Thomas W. Sampson	Severy A. Morse	Hiram S. Smith
	William Saddle	Willard Shaw	David Clark
	Cephas Shaw Jr	Elijah Hackett	Charles C. Tinkham
	Erastus Sherman	Edward A. Barnes	Lewis Holmes
	Wilson C. Rider	Nathanial S. Leashing	Chandler R. Smith
	Eliphalet Thomas	Edmund Thompson	Thomas Snow

Field Drivers and Fence Viewers

Field Drivers and Fence Viewers	Lorenzo Tinkham	John C. Perkins	John Shaw Jr
	Seth Fuller	William C. Swift	Daniel Lucas
	George Hammond	Elbridge G. Shaw	Caleb Alden
	Isaac Bryant	Freeman D. McLaughlin	Sylvanus Hinckley
	Dwight C. Bradford	William Carter	Hervey Kimball
	Edward Adams	Eben Tinkham	George W. Wood
	Thomas Smith	Stephen B. Gibbs	William Gros
	John Tinkham	Isabard F. Atwood	Sylvester Klapp
	William Gibbs	Jeremiah W. Reed	Isaac Wood
	Abram Thomas	Leonard Briggs	John Francis

Voted that the Field Drivers and Fence Viewers be Chosen Pound Keepers

Voted that records of the persons chosen Field Drivers and Fence Viewers be Town Records for the ensuing year

Voted not to abolish the School District System

Voted that the School Districts be authorized to choose their Prudential Committees and that the Clerks of the Districts report to the Town Clerk on or before the second Monday in April next

Voted that the Prudential School Committee be authorized to contract with Teachers the ensuing year

Voted to appropriate four thousand dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year. the money to be divided among the several districts by the School Committee as they think proper

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P.M.

Attest John Shaw Jr Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Monday April 6th 1863

The inhabitants of the town of Middleborough met in Town Meeting Monday March 6th at 12 1/2 o'clock P.M. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy:

Plymouth Co. To Isaac Clark Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court to assemble in the town house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April at 12 1/2 o'clock P.M. to give in to the Selectmen their votes by ballot for or against the following article of Amendment viz The twenty third article of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth which is as follows to wit

"No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote or shall be eligible to office unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization and shall be otherwise qualified according to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth - provided that this Amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof, and provided further that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom" is hereby wholly annulled. The form of the ballot shall be as follows. Amendment to the Constitution "Yes" or "No" Thereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and of your doing thereon at the time and place of said of said Meeting

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Treasurer to pay money
#355-
S. Tucker
Voted to authorise the Treasurer to hire money to pay School Teachers the ensuing year
Voted to pay Sidney Tucker Three Hundred and Eighty five dollars for services as Treasurer, Collector, Enlisting men and paying State aid the past year
Voted by ballot for Fish Wardens and chose Sylvanus Heinckley Reuben K. Simmons Alfred Randall Joseph T. Wood Parmenus G. Sampson Verne Snow Albert Thomas Joseph H. Bissie
Wardens John C. Barden Ira Smith Alpheus H. Bishop Cornelius B. Wood B. P. W. Lovell Isaac Clark
Com. to take charge of the town house
Voted and chose Eliat Ward to take charge of the town house the ensuing year
Overseers to contract with person
Voted to authorise the overseers of the poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse the ensuing year
Selectmen instructed
Voted that the selectmen be instructed to hire money at a less rate of interest than six per cent and pay the notes on which the town is paying six per cent interest if they in their judgement think it best for the interest of the town
Adjourn
Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in May at one o'clock P.M.

Attest
John Shaw Jr
Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting May 1st 1863 by Adjournment

The Annual Meeting was taken up by adjournment May 1st 1863 at one o'clock P.M.

Voted to excuse Earl Sprague from serving as Surveyor of Highway and chose Charles Soule in his place

Voted to adjourn to the second Monday in June next at four o'clock P.M.

Attest John Shaw Jr Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting June 8th 1863 by Adjournment

The Annual meeting was taken up by adjournment June 8th at four o'clock P.M.

Benjamin P. Wood presented a report of the Officers of the Poor for the past year which was accepted and adopted.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to examine into the condition of the Highway at the new Works on the Memashet River and report at a future Town Meeting. Chose the selectmen for that committee.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen for the purpose of making a report of the expenses of the town for 2 years ending March 1st 1864.

Chose the selectmen of the town for said committee. Voted to add one to the said committee and chose Cornelius B. Wood.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest John Shaw Jr
Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 17 1863

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough met in Town Meeting Monday August 17 1863 at 3 O'clock P.M. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy:

Wymouth A. To Isaac Clark Constable of the Town of Middleborough.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town House in said Town on Monday the 17th day of August inst at three O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2d To see what action the Town will take in reference to a proposition made to the School Committee by the "Board of Trustees of Pierce Academy" to furnish High School Instruction to students belonging to the Town of Middleborough and act any thing thereon
- 3d To see if the Town will take measures to recover the expense attending the sickness of David Westgate and family last March, and act any thing in relation to the matter
- 4th To see if the Town will raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to carry into effect the second article

And you are to serve this Warrant by publishing it in the Middleborough Gazette seven days before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands at Middleborough this seventh day of August A.D. 1863

Town Meeting August 17 1863

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Joseph T. Wood } Deputies
Isaac Smith } of
Alpheus K. Bishop } Middleborough
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Middleborough August 17 1863

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette two weeks successively prior to said meeting

Isaac Clark Constable of Middleborough

Voted by Nomination and chose him Eliah Ward Moderator
Voted Not to accept the proposition of the "Board of Trustees of Pierce Academy" in relation to furnishing High School Accommodations to the Town
Voted That the whole subject of the 3d article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor for them to act for the best interest of the Town
Voted To Dissolve the meeting

Attest John Shaw Jr
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept. 21 1863

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough met in Town Meeting Monday September 21st 1863 at 2 o'clock P.M. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy

Rymouth Co. To Isaac Clark a Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of September inst at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles to wit:

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
2^d To see if the Town Elect to avail itself of the provisions contained in Section 9. Chapter 218 of the Laws passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts during the session of 1863 it being an act to provide for the reimbursement of Bounties paid to Volunteers &c and act any thing in relation to said act

3^d To see what action the Town will take in relation to furnishing Aid to Families of Volunteers who have died or become disabled while in the service of the United States and act any thing thereon

4th To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and act any thing thereon

5th To see what action the Town will take in reference to an application to purchase the Almshouse Farm and act any thing in relation thereto And you are to serve this Warrant by publishing in the Middleborough Gazette two weeks before the time of said Meeting.

Fail not to serve this Warrant duly and to return your doings thereon at the time and place of said Meeting

Town Meeting September 21 1863

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Given under our hands at Middleborough this tenth day of September A.D. 1863

Joseph D. Wood } Schoolm
Ira Smith }
Alphrus K. Bishop } Middleborough

Rymouth Co. Middleborough Sept 21 1863

By Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette two weeks successively prior to said Meeting

Isaac Clark Constable of Middleborough

Voted by nomination and Chose Eben H. Robinson Moderator
Voted That this Town Elect to raise and pay its proportion of the Tax apportioned and assessed upon it by the Warrant of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to our Selectmen and Assessors dated August 25th 1863 in the manner provided in the 9th section of the 218th Chapter of the Laws of A.D. 1863 Entitled an act to provide for the reimbursement of Bounties paid to Volunteers and to apportion and Assess a Tax therefor. And the Selectmen of this Town are hereby authorized to him for said purpose all necessary sums of money not exceeding the sum of our proportion of said Tax

Voted That this Town will continue to pay the Families of such of our rear month Volunteers as have been or may be mustered out of the service of the United States who have been disabled in the service and are unable to provide for their families the same sum it has been paying said Volunteers so long as said disability shall exist not exceeding six months and the Selectmen are hereby authorized to him the money for the above purpose and also for the purpose of paying the Families of Volunteers under Chapter 76 of the Laws of 1862

Town Meeting September 21 1863 Continued ⁴⁹⁴

Enlighted an act in further addition to an act in aid of the Families of Volunteers

Voted to accept the List of Jures as reported by the Selectmen

Voted That the 5th Article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor for them to act for the Interest of the Town with authority to sell the term if they think best. And that Committee to report their action at the Adjourned meeting under this Warrant.

Voted to Adjourn to Tuesday Nov 3^d 1863 at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest John Shaw Jr
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 3^d 1863 State Election

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough met in Town Meeting on Tuesday Nov 3 1863 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy:-

Plymouth P. To Isaac Clark Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. sheweth that we are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified by law to vote in Elections, to meet in the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the third day of November next at being the "Tuesday next after the first Monday of November" at ten O'clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellor for district No 8, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, Senator for the South Plymouth district -

Town Meeting Nov 3 1863 State Election ⁴⁹⁵

Representation to represent the ninth district in the County of Plymouth in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Also for Register of Probate and Insolvency, Register of Deeds and one County Commissioner. All on one ballot. The Polls will be open from 10 O'clock A.M. till 2 P.M. Fail not to make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon at the time and place of Meeting Given under our hands this twenty first day of October A.D. 1863.

Joseph T. Wood } Selectmen
Ira Smith }
Alpheus K. Bishop } Middleborough

Plymouth P. Nov 3 1863

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette two weeks successively prior to said meeting

Isaac Clark Constable of Middleborough then proceeded to vote for the Officers named in the above Warrant with the following result:-

For Governor

John A. Andover of Boston had 313
Henry W. Prine of Cambridge had 111

For Lieut Governor

Forl Hayden of Williamsturg had 312
Thomas Munkell of Pittsfield had 140

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton had 312
F. O. Prince of Winchester had 140

For Attorney General

Dwight Foster of Worcester had 312
Theo. H. Swetser of Lowell had 140

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Henry K. Oliver of Salem had 312
Nathan Clark of Lynn had 140

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For Auditor of Accounts
 Levi Reed of Abington had 312
 Moses Bates of Plymouth had 139
 For Councilor 8th Dist
 Samuel Osborne Jr of Edgartown had 312
 John Perkins of Edgartown had 1440
 For Senator South Plymouth Dist
 Henry Bartow of Mattapoisett had 311
 Nathan Briggs of Marion had 1441
 For Register of Probate and Insolvency
 Daniel E. Damon of Plymouth had 312
 Edwin Angler of Hattisat had 1440
 For Register of Deeds
 William S. Danforth of Plymouth had 310
 C. A. S. Perkins of Plymouth had 1440
 For County Commissioner
 Harrison Staples of Lakeville had 282
 Edwin H. Kingman of North Bridgewater had 1444
 For Representative to General Court 9th Dist
 George Soule of Middleborough had 298
 Foster Tinkham of do " 1440
 Everett Robinson of do " 1
 Sylvanus Hinckley of do " 1
 William Avis of do " 1
 George Soule was declared to be elected as Representative
 to the next General Court from the 9th District
 Voted to dissolve this meeting
 Attest John Shaw Jr Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 3 1863

The Town Meeting of Sept 21 1863 was taken up again
 to adjournment. The Moderator not being present Wm
 and Chas Hen Philander Washburn Moderator pro tem
 Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at this place
 at three O'clock P.M.

Attest John Shaw Jr Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March 7th 1864

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
 met in town meeting on Monday March 7th 1864
 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned
 of which the following is a true copy.
 Plymouth ss. Isaac Clark Constable of the Town
 of Middleborough. Meeting. In the name of
 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby
 required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said
 Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
 meet at the Town House in said town on Monday
 the seventh day of March next at ten O'clock
 A.M. to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary town officers
- 3^d To see if the town will authorize the President and
 Committee of the several School Districts
 to contract with the teachers in their School
 Districts the present year.
- 4th To determine the manner of repairing the high
 ways and bridges the present year.
- 5th To hear the Reports of any officers agents or
 committees of the town and act thereon.
- 6th To raise such sums of money as may be
 necessary to defray the expenses of the town
 for the ensuing year and to determine when
 the same shall be raised and how appropriated.
- 7th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer
 to raise money to pay School Teachers the
 present year.
- 8th To choose a board of Auditors to examine
 claims against the town and order the payment
 thereof.
- 9th To choose a committee to settle with their
 Treasurer, report the condition of the Treasury
 and an estimate for a year for ensuing year.
- 10th To see if the town will vote to pay their Treasurer

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- and Collector for their services the past
year and act thereon
- 11th To take such action in relation to the Town
right of taking and disposing of the Glebe
the present year as may be in accordance with
the laws regulating the same
- 12th To bring in their ballots for three or more Fish
wardens
- 13 To see if the Town will provide accommoda-
tions for the taking of the Glebe at the Mill
by the Star Mill Co's Works and act any thing
thereon
- 14th To see if the Town will vote that the yards of those
persons chosen as Field Drivers shall be Town
grounds as long as they remain in Office
provided they shall also be chosen ground
keepers
- 15th To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers
of the Poor to contract with some person to
take charge of the Poor House and act thereon
- 16 To see if the Town will consent for School District
No. 1 in this town to unite with School District
No. 1 in Lathropville and form a united
District
- 17th To see if the Town will permit the ladies of
the Soldiers in the United States Service from
this town
- 18th To see if the Town will make any further ap-
propriation for the transcribing and preser-
ving the Old Records of the Town and act
any thing thereon
- 19th To allow accounts against the Town and
act thereon
- 20th (By request) To see if the Town will take
measures to furnish High School accom-
modations for the children of the Town in

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accordance with the Statutes of the Common-
wealth and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant
and of your doings thereon at the time and place
of said meeting. Given under our hands
this Twenty third day of February in the year
Eighteen hundred and sixty one.

Joseph T. Wood (Selectman)
Ira Smith ()
Alpheus H. Bishop, Middleboro

Plymouth, Middleboro, March 7th 1861

By virtue of the within warrant I have
notified and caused the meeting as directed
by causing the same to be advertised two weeks
successively prior to said meeting.

Isaac C. Lee Constable
of Middleboro

Voted by ballot and made choice of Enoch
Robinson Esq for Moderator

Voted by ballot and made choice of Cornelius B
Wood for Town Clerk and he was sworn by
the Moderator

Voted by ballot and made choice of the following for
persons for

Selectmen

Joseph T. Wood, Ira Smith and Alpheus
H. Bishop

Voted by ballot and chose for

Assessors

Joseph T. Wood, Ira Smith and Alpheus H. Bishop

Voted by ballot and made choice for

Overseers of the Poor

Cornelius B. Wood, Ebenezer Pickens & Isaac Lane

Voted by ballot and chose for

School Committee

Augustus H. Soule

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Guide Board Noted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on
Guide Boards and that the selectmen cause the
suggestions therein to be carried into effect
Noted that the Report of the Committee appointed
Herrings to view and report concerning the passage of the
the Herrings by the Narragansett Co works be
referred back to the same Committee for further
consideration
Noted that the matter of High School referred to
High School in vote 20th be placed in the hands of the following
committee Wm Wood, S. Hinckley, S. P.
Howard, Zebulon Pratt, Stillman Benson
Levi Leonard and J. M. & delay and that they
report at the adjournment of this meeting
Noted, to receive the sum of Four Thousand Dollars
for schools the ensuing year
Noted, and chose the following persons
Fish Wardens
Joseph Wood, Geo Smith, Alpheus H. Bishop
Dummer & Sampson, S. Hinckley, Nehemiah
Simmons
Field Drivers Noted, that the Field Drivers be chosen from
Pound Drivers
Noted, that the yards of those persons chosen Field
Town Pound Drivers be Town Pound for the ensuing year
Cord of Town Noted, to authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract
Contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse
Noted, to defer the matter of uniting School
District District, to 23 with School District No. 1 in Lakewood
to the Committee already chosen to whom was referred
the matter of High School
Noted, that the matter of providing accommodations
Herrings for the taking of the testimony at the Weir by the State
Mills Co Works, be placed in the hands of the Selectmen
Poll Tax Noted, to permit all Poll Taxes on soldiers in service
Soldiers last year which were assessed in 1863
Noted, to appropriate Fifty Dollars and place the
same in the hands of the Selectmen for the

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Dollars purpose of transcribing and preserving the Old
Town Records
Noted, by ballot and chose for
Treasurer and collector
Samuel B. Wood
Noted, to authorize the Treasurer to have not a deciding
the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to pay School
Teachers the present year
Noted, to reconsider the vote wherein the Town voted
Poll Tax to permit all Poll Taxes on soldiers in service last
year which were assessed in 1863
da Noted, to permit all Poll Taxes on all soldiers now in
the United States Service
Adjourn Noted, to adjourn to the next Monday in April
next at 10 o'clock P.M.
Attest C. B. Wood
Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 25, 1862

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
met in Town Meeting on Friday March 25, 1862
pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of
which the following is a true copy.
Plymouth Co. To Isaac Clark a Constable of the Town
of Middleboro in the County of Plymouth, Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Mas-
sachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn
the inhabitants of said Town of Middleboro
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble
in the town house in said Town on Friday, the
twenty-fifth day of March next at 2 o'clock P.M. to
act on the following articles viz:
1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
2nd To see if the Town will vote to refund money
that has already been contributed by individuals
in aid of and for the purpose of procuring the Town's

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proportion of the quota of volunteers in the military service called for from the Commonwealth and the order of the President of the United States dated October twentieth Eighteen hundred and sixty three and February first Eighteen hundred and sixty four and not any thing thereon. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March A.D. 1864

Joseph V. Wood Selectman
Geo Smith of
Alphons H. Bishop Middlebury

Alphons H. Bishop Middlebury March 25. 1864.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and named the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middlebury Gazette seven days prior to said meeting. Isaac Clark Constable of Middlebury. Read and made choice of William H. Wood Esq. for Moderator.

Resolved, That the town refund and assume so much of the money which has been contributed by individuals in aid of and for the purpose of procuring the town's proportion of the quota of volunteers in the military service called for from this Commonwealth by the order of the President of the United States, dated Oct. 17. A.D. 1863 and Feb. 1 A.D. 1864, as shall pay to each person who has enlisted from the three years volunteers for a further term of three years to fill this town's quota under said calls on account of said contributions a sum not to exceed one hundred and twenty five dollars provided said volunteer has been duly mustered into the United States service for said last named three years as a part of said town's quota under said calls. And the selectmen of this town are hereby ordered and empowered to pay the money aforesaid to said volunteers out of the treasury of the town, or in the same until it can

be ascertained and collected and to cause the same to be ascertained and collected with the next annual tax, assessed by said town. Voted to dissolve the meeting. Attest Commonwealth's Notary Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 14. 1864.

The inhabitants of the town of Middlebury met in town meeting on Monday April 12. 1864 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy. Plymouth To Isaac Clark Constable of the Town of Middlebury. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and cause the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town House in said town on Monday the 14th day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d To see if the Town will accept and establish as a Public Highway High Street so called extending from Centre street to the land of James De Vulture as now owned as laid out by the selectmen when the petition of Stephen B. Hobbs and others and act on any thing thereon. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this 25th day of March A.D. 1864.

Joseph V. Wood Selectman
Geo Smith of
Alphons H. Bishop Middlebury

Plymouth Middlebury April 12. 1864 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and caused the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Middlebury Gazette two days especially prior to said meeting. Isaac Clark Constable of Middlebury

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Town Meeting April 4, 1864

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Voted To accept and establish the following Report

The undersigned Selectmen of Middleborough upon the petition of Stephen B. Gibbs and others have laid out as a Public Highway the following described premises to wit Commencing at a stake standing near the corner of High Street, so called, and on the westerly side of Center Street at or near its junction with Station Street and running and one half feet from the corner of an Elm tree standing on the southerly side southwesterly side of said High Street and near said Center Street thence South 52 1/2° East or said High Street twenty eight and one fourth rods to Oak Street thence from said Oak Street same course thirty five rods over said High Street to a stake with stones about it standing at the end of said street and by the wall in the line of George W. Harlow's land thence way to extend twenty feet on both sides of the foregoing described line to damage and claimed.

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eight and one fourth rods to Oak Street thence from said Oak Street same course thirty five rods over said High Street to a stake with stones about it standing at the end of said street and by the wall in the line of George W. Harlow's land thence way to extend twenty feet on both sides of the foregoing described line to damage and claimed.

Joseph T. Wood, Geo Smith, Stephen W. Bishop

Selectmen of Middleborough

Middleborough March 25, 1864

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Comdwy B. Moore Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting April 4

The annual meeting was taken up April 4, 1864, by adjournment from March 7, 1864 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Field Signs Voted And made choice of John T. Perkins for Field Signs

Voted To receive Warren Bryant from serving as Highway Surveyor

Highway Surveyors Voted And made choice of Andrew Bishop as Highway Surveyor also Gabry Swift as Highway Surveyor

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Annual Town Meeting April 11, 1864, by adjournment

Voted By ballot and made choice of the following persons for

Fish Wardens

Fish Wardens Stephen B. Gibbs, Joseph W. Bishop, George S. Barry, Israel W. Thompson, James W. Holman, Geo. B. Wood, Edward Perkins, John C. Barton, George Leonard, Albert Vaughan & Gustavus L. Brantley

Voted And chose the following persons members of

Lumber Ward & Bark

Lumber Ward & Bark Israel W. Thompson, Thomas P. Pine, Andrew C. Wood, Foster T. Harlow, George W. Williams, John C. Barton, Sherman, Lewis Leonard, George W. Bishop, John C. Barton, John W. Martin, Samuel W. Cole, W. Matthew W. Cushing, John D. Martin, Abner V. Clark, Thomas T. Barton & Elijah Hueket

Treasurers Voted To pay Mr. John Shaw for services as Treasurer for the year ending April 1864, \$300.00 for paying State aid and paying the account for the same time \$60.00 as per his Bill.

High Schools A report from the Committee to whom was referred the matter of High School accommodations for the children of the town was presented and accepted by the town.

School District The Committee to whom was referred the matter of uniting School District No. 23 in Middleborough with School District No. 1 in Lakeville made a report recommending to the town to pass the following vote Voted That the request of School District No. 23 to form a united District with District No. 1 in Lakeville be complied with and the town does hereby assent to such union. It was voted to accept said report and the provisions thereof to be carried into effect.

com report The Committee to settle with the Treasurer and struck a Tax for the year reported an estimate of \$3,225.00 which report was accepted.

Tax Voted To raise by Tax for the year Thirteen thousand two hundred & twenty five dollars.

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Annual Town Meeting April 11 1861 by adjournment.

Division of School Money Voted. That the School money be divided by the School Committee the same as last year.

Widows Voted. That each widow who pays no State County or Town tax either in her own name or in the name of her Agent or Trustee and whose legal settlement is in this town shall be entitled to Five hundred Havings.

Widows who pay Taxes Voted. That each widow who pays a State County or Town Tax and whose ^{residence} is in this town on the first of August shall receive the same proportion in the division of the Having Money as those who pay Poll Taxes, provided such proportion does not exceed her tax.

Division of Having Money Voted. That the net income of the Having Money be divided on Poll Tax payers and Widows as aunts for a vote who pay tax, provided such Having Money does not exceed their taxes.

Voted. That Surveyors of Highways be collectors of their Bills.

Adjourned to the second Monday in September next
2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Caroline B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting Monday June 20th 1861,

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury met in Town Meeting Monday June 20th 1861 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Plymouth To Isaac Clark a constable of the Town of Middlebury in the County of Plymouth.

Meeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town of Middlebury qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to appear in the Town House

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Town Meeting June Monday 20th 1861

in said Town on Monday the 20th day of June inst at 2 O'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles to wit:

1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

2^d. To see if the Town will raise money for repairing ferries under the acts of the Legislature approved March 15th or March 25th 1861 to fill its quota under any calls of the President of the United States before March 15th 1865 and act anything therein.

3^d. To see if the Town will cause the Abolition of the Bridge over the Newmarket River near the Star Mills to be widened and act anything therein.

Resolved that not more than one of this warrant and of your clerks, be present at the time and place of said Meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of June A.D. 1861 at Middlebury.

Joseph A. Wood Secy.
J. A. Smith
Alfred H. Bishop Middlebury

Plymouth Middlebury June 20th 1861

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by having the same to be advertised in the Middlebury Gazette two weeks successively prior to said Meeting.

Isaac Clark
Constable of Middlebury

Voted. And made choice of Joseph A. Wood for Moderator.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money to pay \$125 for each Volunteer enlisted as a part of the quota of this town under any call issued between the first day of June 1861 and the first day of March 1865.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized to hire \$125 each for two men to fill the town's quota under former calls.

Voted. That the whole subject matter contained in the third Article of the above warrant be placed in the third Article of the above warrant be placed

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Annual Town Meeting September 12th 1864

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in the hands of the selectmen with authority to make such alterations as they may think necessary for the best interest of the Town.

Resolved, To adjourn to two weeks from the day to 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Herman B. Wood Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Sept. 12th 1864

The annual Town Meeting was taken up September 12th 1864 by adjournment it being the second Monday in September from which 11th 1864 at two O'clock P.M.

To P. Word
Moderator
Comm. Dyer
& Dyer
Samuel
last year

Resolved, And chose P. Word by ballot for Moderator. The Moderator of the meeting being absent.

Resolved, That there be committed to the collector an amount before October 1st 1864 and that the following amount be allowed him:

all day, paid during the month of October 10 th	Amount \$
December 3 rd	

And that from and after January 1st 1865 interest be charged and assessments issued.

Report of the
Com. of the Town

Resolved, To accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Resolved, To add two to the Committee already chosen to settle with their Treasurers.

Resolved And chose Stephen B. Hibbs & John A. F. Hibbs for the above position.

Resolved That the matter of collecting the old tax be placed in the hands of the collectors to act as the

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Many think best for the interest of the Town

Recommend the
to raise
13,225.00
raise by Tax
13,000.00

Resolved, That we reconsider the vote wherein we voted to raise the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred and twenty four dollars by Tax for the year.

Resolved, To raise by Tax for the year thirteen thousand Dollars 13,000.00.

Resolved to adjourn to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November next to 11 O'clock P.M.

Attest Herman B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov. 8th 1864

The inhabitants of the town of Middleboro met in town meeting on Tuesday Nov. 8 1864 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Plymouth p. To Isaac Clark Constable of the Town of Middleborough.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town House in said Town at 9 O'clock A.M. on Tuesday the 8th day of Nov. next to act on the following articles viz:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2^d To see if the town will accept the list of persons proposed by the selectmen to serve as jurors for the ensuing year and act thereon.

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And you are also hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the 8th of Nov. next at being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November at ten O'clock A.M. to bring in to the Selectmen their votes for the following officers to wit: For twelve Electors of President and Vice President, two at large and one for each Congressional District, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, one Representative to represent the first Congressional District in the thirty ninth Congress, a Councillor for the eighth Councillor District, a Treasurer, Register of Deeds and one County Commissioner for the County of Plymouth, a Senator to represent the South Plymouth Senatorial District, and one Representative to represent the north Representative District of Plymouth County in the next General Court to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The above Officers will be voted for on one ballot. The polls will be open at ten O'clock in the forenoon and be kept until two O'clock in the afternoon and you are further directed to serve this warrant in the manner prescribed by a vote of said Town and to make return thereof with your doings thereon at the time and place aforesaid mentioned. Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord eight hundred and sixty four.

Joseph D. Morse, Selectmen of
 Levi Smith
 William W. Bishop } Middlebury

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Plymouth & Middlebury, Nov. 8th 1861

By Order of the within warrant I have notified and warned the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised in the Gazette eight days prior to said meeting.

Isaac Clark Constable of Middlebury

Noted, and made choice of Joseph D. Morse

Moderator

Noted. To accept and adopt the List of persons proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors for the ensuing year.

Noted. To dissolve the meeting

Wm. C. B. Morse Town Clerk

Then proceeded to vote for the Officers named in the above warrant with the following result
 For President and Electors at large.

Edmund Everett of Boston	333
Whiting Griswold of Springfield	333
Robert C. Winthrop of Boston	289
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield	289
Wiscot No. 1 Richard Borden of Fall River	333
" " Abraham W. Newland of A. Bedford	289
" " 2 Solomon Hale of Springfield	333
" " John Nelson of W. W. W. W.	289
" " 3 George Putnam of Roxbury	333
" " Andrew P. Rice of Boston	289
" " 11 John M. S. Williams of Cambridge	333
" " Abram Jackson of Boston	289
" " 5 John J. Whittier of Amherst	333
" " J. E. Peabody of Salem	289
" " 6 Geo. L. Davis of North Andover	333
" " 4 H. H. Bartlett of Warrington	289
" " 7 Stephen W. Hold of W. W. W.	333
" " 8 Levi Lincoln of Worcester	289
" " Isaac Davis of Worcester	289

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Disct. No. 9 William Saluck of Amherst had 333
 " " William W. Butler " Wheatley " 289
 " 10 John Wells " Chicopee " 333
 " " Abram Paige " Springfield " 289

For Governor

John A. Andrew of Boston had 332
 Henry W. Paine " Cambridge " 291

For Lieut. Governor

Geor. H. Henshaw of Williamstown " 333
 Thomas F. Plunket " Pittsfield " 291

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Oliver Wendell of Northampton had 333
 J. C. Prince " Winchester " 291

For Treasurer & Receiver General

Henry W. Oliver of Salem had 333
 Nathan Clark " Lynn " 291

For Auditor

Levi Reed of Lexington had 333
 Moses Bates " Plymouth " 291

For Attorney General

Chester J. Reed of Stoughton " 333
 S. C. Lumb " Greenfield " 291

For Representative to Congress 1 District

Thomas D. Eliot of New Bedford had 333
 S. B. Phinney " Barnstable " 291

For Councilor from Eighth District

Harner Scott of Southham had 331
 Oliver C. Swift " Belmunt " 132

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Sanctor for South Plymouth Senatorial Dist.
 Henry Brewster of Middlebury had 333
 Nathan Briggs " Marion " 291

For County Commissioners

Wm. P. Gifford of Abington had 333
 Samuel G. Allen " Middlebury " 291

For Register of Deeds

William S. Gifford of Plymouth had 333
 Samuel Bradford " " 291

For County Clerks

Wm. R. Lewis of Plymouth " 333
 Noah C. Perkins " Middlebury " 291

Representative to Gen. Court Dist. No. 7 Plymouth Co.

George Soule of Middlebury had 318
 Geo. Thomas " " 291
 Oliver Eaton " " 1

George Soule was declared to be elected
 as Representative to the next General Court from
 the 7th District. Meeting dissolved.

Attest C. B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting February 11th 1865

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury
 met in Town Meeting on Saturday Feb. 11 1865
 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned
 of which the following is a true copy.
 Plymouth St. To David A. A. Constable of the
 Town of Middlebury Verily.

In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts you are hereby required to make
 and have the Substitutes of said Town of

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Middletown qualified by law to elect a Town
officers to meet at the Town House in said town
on Saturday the 11th day of Feb. inst at one
o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles.

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said
Meeting.
- 2d. To see if the Town will vote to pay the
expenses of recruiting during the past year
and act any thing thereon.
- 3d. To see if the Town will vote to pay the sum
of One hundred & twenty five dollars
to such person who has during the past year
in a Substitute either in the Naval or Military
service and such substitute having been duly
accredited to the Town of Middletown and
act any thing thereon.

4th. To choose a Board of Auditors to audit
bills for recruiting or prices which have
been or may be paid by the U.S. Government
and act any thing thereon.

And you are further required to serve this
warrant by causing it to be published in the West
chester Gazette seven days before the time of said
meeting. And of you doing so you are to return a
proof of said doing to the place of said meeting.
at Middletown this second day of February A.D.
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George F. Ward & Selectmen
of
Said Smith
Alphonse W. Bishop & Middletown
Plymouth & Middletown Feb. 11th 1865. The vote
of the within warrant I have not put forward
at the meeting as directed by causing the
same to be published the week immediately pre-
ceding said meeting. George Clark Constable
of Middletown.

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Read and much choice of Substitutes. Moderator.

- Read. That the Town appropriate the sum of
Five hundred and eighty five dollars to pay the
recruiting expenses during the last year and
that the Selectmen be authorized to procure the
money and cause the same to be paid and that
the Town be kept in the current and collected in
accordance to the laws of this commonwealth.
- Read. To pay the sum of One hundred & twenty
five dollars to each person who has during the
past year performed a substitute either in the Naval
or Military service and such substitute having
been duly accredited to the Town of Middletown.
- Read and chose the following persons a Board
of Auditors with the Clerk as 1st. Solomon
Winchley, William B. Miller & George D. Wingman.
- Read. To adjourn the meeting.
- Attest. G. D. Ward Town Clerk.

Announced Town Meeting March 6. 1865

The inhabitants of the Town of Middletown
met in Town Meeting on Monday March 6. 1865
present to a warrant duly issued and returned
of which the following is a true copy.
Plymouth & Middletown Clerk & Constable
of the Town of Middletown.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify and cause the in-
habitants of the Town of Middletown assembled by
law to vote on the following articles to meet in the
Town House in said Town on Monday the 6th
day of March next at one o'clock P.M. to
act on the following articles. viz.

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- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town Officers
- 3^d To see if the Town will authorize the President and Committee of the several School Districts to continue with the Teachers in their School Districts the present year
- 4th To determine the manner of repairing the highways and Budgets the present year
- 5th To hear the reports of any Officer, Agents or Committees of the Town and act thereon
- 6th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated
- 7th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to pay School Teachers the present year
- 8th To choose a Board of Officers Auditors to examine claims against the Town and order the payment thereof
- 9th To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer the condition of the Treasury and ascertain the amount for a tax for the ensuing year
- 10th To see if the Town will vote to pay their Treasurer and Collector for his services for the present year and act thereon
- 11th To take such action in relation to the Town's right of taking and disposing of the slaves as the present year as may be in accordance with the laws regulating the same
- 12th To bring in their ballots for their or more high Wardens
- 13th To see if the Town will vote that the yeards of those persons chosen as Field Drums shall be Town Bonds as long as they remain in office provided they shall also be chosen Bond Masters

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- 14th To see if the Town will authorize their Officers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse and act thereon
- 15th To see if the Town will authorize their officers to visit the Sars of the Soldiers in the United States Service from this Town
- 16th To allow accounts against the Town and act thereon
- 17th To see if the Town will authorize their officers to prohibit the taking or catching of fish or game or hunting in any other manner than by hook and line or the taking or catching of fish or game from the first day of December to the first day of May and act thereon
- 18th To see if the Town will vote to have their District a committed during the year and act thereon
- 19th To see if the Town will vote to put all the old taxes now in the hands of one or more collectors into the hands of the new collector for collection forthwith and act thereon
- 20th To see if the Town will vote to pay a fee of \$100 to the Collector for damages to his wagon
- 21st To see if the Town will vote to set off Section 20 with its Polls and Estate from District No 3 and annex them to District No 18 and act thereon

Hereof sent not and make return of this warrant and of your doing thereon at the time and place of said meeting to be given under our hands at Middlebury this twenty fourth day of February A.D. 1865

GEO. W. W. West, Collector
Geo. Smith
Abraham W. Bishop, Middlebury

1865 Town Meeting April 3 1865 ⁵²⁴

Washing Stinson, H. Clark, Abisha T. Clark
 Thomas L. Borden, Emory J. Allen
 Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in
 April next at two o'clock P.M.
 Attest C. B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 3 1865

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro met
 in Town Meeting on Monday April 3 1865 pursuant
 to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the
 following is a true & correct copy.

Warrant to the Selectmen of the
 Town of Middleboro. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
 you are hereby required to notify and
 warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified
 by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town
 House in said Town on Monday the third day of
 April next at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following
 articles to-wit:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

2d To see if the Town will accept and establish as
 a Public Highway the street from Green Street to
 May Street called Vine Street, also that part of May
 Street from Vine Street to West Street also that part of
 West Street from May Street to Center Street as laid
 out by the Selectmen upon the petition of Ebenezer Ward
 and others and not any thing therein.

3d To check said petition to take charge of the Town House.

4th To see if the Town will vote to sell off Andrew Borden
 with his father's estate from School District No. 3
 and remove same to School District No. 1 and
 not any thing therein.

And if you think it not expedient to make return of this warrant
 and of your doings therein at the time and
 place of said Meeting.

Attest C. B. Wood Town Clerk

1865 Annual Town Meeting April 3 1865 ⁵²⁵

Was lawfully fourth day of March A.D. 1865.

Joseph J. Wood (Moderator)
 Abisha T. Clark
 Gosham W. Wood (Clerk)

Warrant to the Selectmen of the Town of Middleboro April 3 1865

By order of the within warrant I have notified
 and warned the Meeting as directed by causing
 the same to be advertised two weeks successively in
 prior to said Meeting in accordance with the vote
 of the Town.

Attest C. B. Wood, Constable of Middleboro

Voted and made choice of Ebenezer Ward as Moderator.

Moderator

Moderator

Accepted

Voted to accept and establish as a Public Highway

Establish

the street from Green Street to May Street called Vine Street

Public

also that part of May Street from Vine Street to

Highway

West Street also that part of West Street from May

Street to Center Street in accordance with the Report

of the Selectmen.

House of Deputies

Voted and made choice of Ebenezer Ward to be the

House

change of the Town House.

Pass over

Voted to pass over the fourth article.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest C. B. Wood Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting April 3 1865

The Annual Meeting was held on April 3 1865

at 2 o'clock P.M. by adjournment from March 6th

Voted to raise a house for the poor in the town and Henry

Surveys

Kimball from Survey as Field Drains also gave

Field Drains

Ebenezer Hazelden and Samuel B. Allen as

Assessors

Survey as Surveys & Highways.

Voted

to make choice of Samuel B. Allen and John

Field Drains

Harlow Field Drains also John Kimball as

Voted

and chose William Wood & Ebenezer Kimball

Surveys

Survey as of Highways.

Voted

to accept and plan in the Report.

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of the Committee to settle with the Selectmen -
 Voted That all votes be signed by the Treasurer and the
 Treasurer keep a list of the same -
 Voted To accept the Report of the Committee chosen
 in March to whom was referred the subject matter
 contained in the Nineteenth article -
 Voted That the Selectmen appoint some person to complete
 the collection of all taxes committed to Sidney Tucker
 and John Shaw Jr -
 Voted That all taxes after this date committed to any
 collector or collector and Treasurer of this town shall be
 collected or committed within one year from the date
 of said commitment if not otherwise ordered by said
 Town and said collector or collector and Treasurer shall
 on or before the expiration of said year report in full
 the amount of taxes collected by him and the amount
 uncollected and the reason why the same have not been
 collected - until said report is so made to said Town
 the compensation shall be voted to said collector or
 collector and Treasurer for his services for collecting said taxes
 and any person hereafter who accepts the office of collector
 of taxes in this town shall complete the collection of all
 taxes committed to him by the Assessors of said town
 Voted To recommend the Report of the Committee
 chosen to settle with their Treasurer and report an
 estimate for a tax for the ensuing year and make
 that same to report in full at the adjournment of
 this meeting -
 Voted To instruct the Selectmen to report in full upon
 all matters in their hands in relation to the indebted
 ness of the town to the above Committee in thirty
 days -
 Voted To pay said Treasurer Collector the sum of
 Three hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$360) for his
 services the first year yet being to April 1st 1865
 as per his Bill -
 Voted To instruct the Selectmen not to deliver any

Town Meeting June 5th 1865

Resolves to aid in the families who are
 brought up on speculation in their opinion -
 Voted That Widows & others entitled to 200 shillings
 by vote of the Town may have one dollar in money
 should they elect so to do - instead of 200 shillings -
 Voted To pay Mr Isaac Clark \$125.00 for
 looking up unlicensed dogs (At Henry Palmer
 of his bill)
 Voted That the Overseers of the Poor contract
 with some person to take charge of the schoolhouse
 to the first of March 1866 -
 Voted To choose a Committee to make a Report
 in full of the expenses of the Town from Sept
 16th 1864 to April 15 1865 and have the same printed
 Voted That the Committee to settle with the
 Treasurer and make an estimate for a tax
 for the ensuing year be that Committee -
 Voted And make choice of John A. Foster
 as one of the above Committee in room of
 Jacob B Shaw who declined serving -
 Adjourned to the first Monday in June
 next at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Lottis Sherman B Secy Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 5th 1865

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury met in Town
 Meeting on Monday June 5 1865 pursuant to a warrant
 duly issued & returned in which the following is a true copy
 of the minutes of the same -
 The names of the Commencement
 of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify - and
 cause all the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury and
 if need be to vote in town affairs to meet in the town house
 on Sunday or Monday the fifth day of June next at
 one half past one o'clock P.M. to act in the following
 articles to wit:

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- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2^d To see what action the town will take in relation to the provisions for and protection of the laborers and see if any thing in relation to the same.
- 3^d To see if the town will vote to do anything under an act passed by the Legislature of this State to authorize towns and cities to reimburse money paid for carrying paupers.

Henceforth not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said Meeting.

Declar'd at Middletown this Twenty Sixth day of May A.D. 1865

Joseph T. Wood, Abner Miller, Joshua M. Cole, &
 Selectmen of Middletown
 Plymouth, Middletown June 5 1865

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and caused the meeting to be called by causing the same to be advertised two weeks successively prior to said meeting in accordance with the vote of said town.

I have also to Constable of Middletown
 Voted, and made choice of Everett Robinson Moderator
 Voted, and chose of Selectmen, B. P. Wood & P. Washington

Committee
 in the
 Discharge

a Committee to nominate a Committee of five persons to whom the subject matter contained in the 2^d article should be referred. That Committee reported the names of the following persons, William H. Wood & Everett Robinson, B. P. Wood, Selectmen, Kinchley & Abner Miller, which report was accepted & adopted by the town.

Committee
 in determining
 money

That the subject matter contained in the 3^d article be referred to the selectmen with instructions to report thereon within seven days at five o'clock P.M.
 Voted, to adjourn to seven days from to day to five o'clock P.M.

Attest, C. B. Wood Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting June 5 1865

The annual Town Meeting was taken up June 5 1865 at five o'clock P.M. by adjournment from April 3 1865. Voted, That the several Highway Surveyors be the collectors of their Bills.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock from to day to five o'clock P.M.

Attest, Cornelius B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 19th 1865

Plymouth, P. T. Stone Clerk one of the Constables of the Town of Middletown.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and cause the inhabitants of the town of Middletown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town House in said town on Monday the 19th of June inst. at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2^d To see if the town will vote to appropriate any money to be expended in celebrating Independence 10th of July as petitioned for by George Soule and others and act on any thing thereon.

Henceforth not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at the time and place of said Meeting.

I have also caused to be published in the Middletown Gazette this 9th day of June A.D. 1865

Joseph T. Wood, Abner Miller, Joshua M. Cole, &
 Selectmen of Middletown

Plymouth, Middletown June 19 1865 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and caused the meeting to be called by causing the same to be advertised in the Middletown Gazette two weeks prior to said meeting.

I have also to Constable of Middletown
 The inhabitants of the town of Middletown met

1865 Secon Meeting June 19th 1865 ⁵³⁰

The Secon Meeting on Monday June 19th 1865 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Resolved That the Secon Church of Jehovah's Witnesses for

Medford be authorized to pay

from the Secon Treasury a sum not exceeding

\$500.00 to be expended in celebrating the approaching

10th of July Anniversary.

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to pay no bill

for the above purpose unless approved by the

Delectation.

Resolved To Dissolve the Meeting

Witness C. B. Wood Secon Clerk

Secon Meeting July 3rd 1865

The inhabitants of the Town of Middletown met in Secon Meeting

by adjournment from June 5th 1865 at Two O'clock P.M.

This 3rd day of July.

Resolved To accept the Report of the Delectation and have

the same placed on file.

On motion of A. G. Pickens it was voted that there be

refused the money subscribed and paid by individuals

for the purpose of filling the Secon's quota under the calls

for men in the President of the United States during the

year 1866 and that the Delectation be authorized to have

the money and cause the same to be paid and that

the Delectation be further authorized to cause the Secon

Committee to be assessed on the Tax Payers of the Secon

and collected at our next Annual Collection of

Taxes.

Resolved To Dissolve the Meeting

Witness C. B. Wood Secon Clerk

1865 Annual Secon Meeting July 3rd 1865 ⁵³¹

The Annual Secon Meeting was taken up this 3rd day of July at 2 1/2 O'clock by adjournment from June 5th.

The Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the year

ending April 10th 1865 was made. The Secon voted

to accept the Report and have the same placed

on file.

The Secon then proceeded to settle with their Secon Treasurer and

make an estimate for the year 1866 for the ensuing

year. Reported the sum of Twelve thousand

five hundred fifty dollars (\$12,550.00) as necessary

to be raised.

Resolved To accept the above Report.

Resolved To receive by vote for the year the sum of

Twelve thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$12,550.00)

Resolved That the Secon be committed to the Delectation

for collection on or before October 15th 1865 and

the following Discounts be allowed:

For all bills paid during the month of October 10 per cent

November 6

December 3

and that from and after January 1st 1866 no more

be charged and Discounts ceased.

Resolved To adjourn to the first Monday in September

to Two O'clock P.M.

Witness C. B. Wood Secon Clerk

Secon Meeting Sept. 11th 1865

The inhabitants of the Town of Middletown met in Secon Meeting on Monday Sept. 11th 1865 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Significantly. To Cause Clerk one of the Constables of the Town of Middletown. Meeting.

In the name of the Government of Massachusetts we are directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town that by law we are bound to meet in the Secon Court in said Town on Monday

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1865 Town Meeting September 11th 1865

The fourth day of September met at our hall past one o'clock P.M. It act on the following articles to wit:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will accept of the list of persons proposed by the Selectmen to serve as jurors for the ensuing year & act any thing thereon.

3rd To see if the Town will leave the highway to be built as laid out by the County Commissioners upon the petition of Dec. W. C. Constock and others between the Star Mill and the House of Thomas Willson and act thereon.

4th To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed July third 1865 wherein it voted that Town refund the money paid and subscribed by individuals for the purpose of filling the Town's quota under the calls of the President of the United States during the year 1864 as petitioned for by John Reed & others.

5th Upon the petition of A. J. Pickens and others, to see if the Town will vote any thing under an act passed by the Legislature of this State to authorize Towns and Cities to reimburse money paid for recruiting purposes and act any thing thereon.

Resolved that not and make return of this town's list of men doing service at the time and place of said meeting.

Town under our hands this twenty-fifth day of August A.D. 1865

Joseph S. Reed Selectmen
Alvah Miller
Gordon M. Eddy Moderator

Plymouth, Massachusetts Sept 15, 1865

By virtue of the within warrant I have met here and caused the meeting as directed by causing the same to be advertised two weeks successively prior to said meeting in accordance with the vote of said Town.

Francis Clark Constable of
Plymouth

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Resolved and made choice of to determine for Moderator

Resolved to leave the names of Henry A. Morse from the list of jurors as presented reported by the Selectmen.

Resolved to accept the Report.

Resolved to place the subject matter contained in the third article in relation to building the Street laid out by the County Commissioners on the petition of Dec. W. C. Constock & others in the hands of the Selectmen to act as they may deem best for the interest of the Town.

Resolved to reconsider the vote passed July 3rd 1865 wherein the Town voted that the Town refund the money paid and subscribed by individuals for the purpose of filling the Town's quota under the calls of the President of the United States during the year 1864.

The following motion was offered by A. J. Pickens "That the Town refund the money that has been paid and subscribed and paid by individuals to fill the Town's quota under the calls of the President for men during the year 1864" which motion was not carried but voted down.

Resolved to dissolve the meeting
Attest G. B. Reed Town Clerk

Announced March Meeting Sept 11th 1865

The announced Town meeting was taken up this fourth day of September at 2 o'clock P.M. by adjournment from July 3rd 1865.

Resolved and chose G. B. Reed Collectively called for the present year.

Resolved to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting held in this place at 3 o'clock P.M.
Attest G. B. Reed Town Clerk

Sown Meeting November 7. 1863 ⁵³⁴

The inhabitants of the Span of Middlebury met in town meeting on Tuesday Nov. 7 1866 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and a record of which the following is a true copy

Plymouth Co. To George Clark one of the Constables of the
Town of Middleboro. In the month of the Commencement
month of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify
and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town of Middle-
boro qualified by law to elect in Elections to meet in
the Court-house in said Town on Tuesday the 7th
day of November next it being the Tuesday next
after the first Monday in November at 10 o'clock
A.M. to bring in to the Selectmen their votes
for the following named Officers to wit:
One Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary,
Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and
Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Council
for the eighth congressional District, ~~the Commonwealth~~
a District Attorney for the South Eastern District of the
Commonwealth, a Sheriff, one Coroner, Commissioners
two Special Commissioners, two Commissioners of
Insolvency for the County of Plymouth a Senator
for the South Plymouth Congressional District, and
one Representative to represent the ninth representa-
tive District of Plymouth County, in the next General
Court to be holden at Boston on the the first Monday
of January next. All the above officers to be voted for as
in ballot. The Polls to be open at 10 o'clock A.M. and
kept open until 2 o'clock P.M. And you are further
directed to serve this warrant in manner prescribed
by a vote of said Town and to make due return thereof
with your doings thereon at the time and place to
be named. Given under our hands at Middleboro
this twenty seventh day of October A.D. 1865.

Goschen & Howe } Selectmen
Fishier Miller }
Goschen & Eddy } Middlebury

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Hymn 135. We will follow. W. J. K. B. By the virtue of
the witness we have seen before and and around the
meeting as directed by carrying the banner to heaven
to our hearts successfully, for to this meeting we
have turned the the side of our hearts.

Assessable Constables of
Municipalities

Then proceeded to ballot for the officers named in the above Nominations with the following result:

Mr. Garrison

Alexander H. Bullock of Sunderland	June 281
Amos A. Church of Sunderland	" 2
Amos A. Church " "	" "

For Louis Gormer

William Clapham of Newton " 25
Thomas D. Plummer " B. Hopedale "

Secretary of the Government

Olin Warner of Northampton " 23
S. C. Lamb " Connecticut "

Hammond Beech Cornet

Jacob H. Land of Plymouth 26
 Thomas C. Fenner of Boston 27

Amherst

Henry S. Briggs of Pittsburg " 28
Arthur F. Thomas of Salem "

Attorney General

Arthur J. Hunt	of	Camden	26
Paula L. Parker	of	Camden	"

Committee for the Eight District

Levi D. Crossland of Springfield " 24
H. H. Bennett of Manchester

Senator for South Dakota District

Correll, H. & J. of Wisconsin. 1892. 2

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Ganes, Busted 1/2 Plymouth 2
 Quail Copstone in West. Massachusetts

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For County Commissioners
Charles H. Paine of Taunton 232

Special Commissioners
Helen S. Bradford of Taunton 232
Gordon C. Givelly of Taunton 232

Commissioners of Insolvency
John F. Russell of Plymouth 232
Jacob B. Barnes of Taunton 232

For Dist. Attorney, Southwold, Dist.
Bennjamin H. Harris of Taunton 233

For Representative of 1st Dist. Taunton
Andrew C. Wood of Middleboro 240

Joshua M. Eddy " 2
Conradus Pratt " 1

Sam Thomas " 2

Andrew C. Wood having the greatest number of Ballots was declared elected Representative of 1st District. B. Wood Town Clerk.

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Plymouth. To Isaac Black one of the constables of the Town of Middleboro greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town House on Monday the 5th day of March next at Ten O'clock A.M. to do in the following articles to wit:

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.
- 2nd To Choose all necessary Town Officers.
- 3rd To see if the Town will authorize the President Committee of the School Districts to contract with the teachers in this School Districts the present year.
- 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year.
- 5th To hear the Reports of any Officers, Agents or Committees of the Town and act thereon.
- 6th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.
- 7th To see if the Town will authorize Treasurer to hire money to pay School Teachers the present year.
- 8th To Choose a board of Auditors to examine claims against the Town and order the payment thereof.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their former Report the condition of the Treasury and an estimate for a day for the ensuing year.
- 10th To see if the Town will vote to pay their Treasurer and Collector for his services the present year and act thereon.
- 11th To take such action in relation to the Town's right of taking and disposing of their highways the present year as may be in accordance with the laws regulating the same.
- 12th To issue the three ballots for three or more Irish Hurdles.

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13th To see if the Town will vote that the Gaols of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be Town Bonds so long as they remain in office provided they shall be also chosen from the Gaols.

14th To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to conduct with some person to take charge of the Almshouse and act thereon.

15th To see if the Town will instruct their Overseers to remit the Poll Taxes of those soldiers who are in the U.S. Service on the first of May last and entitled to this Town.

16th To allow accounts against the Town and act any thing thereon.

17th To see if the Town will vote to abolish the several School Districts in Town.

18th To see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation towards a Monument in commemoration of those Soldiers who have died in the Service of their Country during the late Rebellion and act any thing thereon.

19th To see if the Town will cause that part of a wall next between Cross and Maple Streets to be built as laid out by the County Commissioners and act any thing thereon.

20th To see if the Town will instruct their School Committee to employ a suitable man to teach the Public School in this Town upon the subject of Temperance and appropriate a sum not exceeding thirty six dollars to defray the expense thereof.

21st To choose some person to have the care of the Town House.

Resolved that not and make the return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlebury this twenty first day of February A.D. 1866.

Joseph Wood Selectman
Abishai Miller
Joshua Welch of Middlebury

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Plymouth Co. Middlebury March 5. 1866.

By notice of the within warrant shown notified and advised the meeting assembled by causing the same to be admitted the same successfully prior to said meeting.

Isaac Clark Constable of Middlebury

Resolved By ballot and chose Samuel Robinson Esq. Moderator.

Resolved By ballot and chose Benjamin B. Wood Esq. Clerk.

who was sworn by the Moderator.

By ballot and chose Joseph C. Wood Joshua Welch and

Abishai Clark Selectmen.

By ballot and chose the following persons

Overseers

Joseph C. Wood Joshua Welch, Abishai Clark

Overseers of the Poor

Benjamin B. Wood, George P. Thomas, Joseph Scott Barber

School Committee

Calvin D. Pingman

Constables

Isaac Clark, James Cole Jr., Andrew C. Wood,

James C. Nichols, and Jefferson H. Pratt

Collector & Treasurer

Benjamin B. Wood

Fish Wardens

Joseph C. Wood, Joshua Welch, Abishai Clark

S. Hinckley, Geo. Smith, Calvin Southworth, Joseph H. Bishop

John C. Perkins, Albert Thomas, Peabody R. Simmons,

Albert C. Vaughan, Isaac C. Macomber, Gustavus L. Thomas,

William Wood & George C. Smith

The following persons were chosen

Auditors

George Leonard Jr., Abishai Miller, Samuel Robinson,

Abraham Perkins, & S. Hinckley

Surveyors of Highways

Charles White, Levi Morse, W. H. Hargrett, Job Welch,

A. S. Pratt, Venus Thompson, and Livingston Edwards

W. Watson, Shubael C. Edwards, David S. Steffen

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Isaac Perkins, Cheney Redding, Ellis Weston, Seth Dean,
Nathan McFadden, John A. Shaw, Nathaniel Warren,
Geo. Smith, Hanson Freeman, Alpha Crossman,
William Clark, O. Samuel Littlejohn, Cephus Morse,
Wilson Shaw, Stephen C. Rider, Isaac S. Huntcliff,
S. H. Alford, John Van Ruman, Thomas Weston &
Abiel Butler, Isaac Smith, Thomas Snow, Ebenezer
Shaw, J. Horace Soule, Ira Bryant, Noah Clark,
Gaught. Cook, J. D. A. Morse, Hurdley Wood, Moses Gibbs,
Thomas Wood, Wendell A. Thomas, Benjamin S. Wood, George
H. Vaughan, William C. Edolyn, Abner Wood.

Field Officers
Elihu A. Brewster, William Shaw, William Swift,
Abraham Bryant, George S. Deane, Walter S. Jeffers,
John Van Ruman, George H. Soule, Charles T. Coffey,
Abner H. Bennett, Calvin Woodcock, William C. Swift,
Silas White, Edmund Adams, James Carter, A. A. Cornish,
Isaac Clark, Nelson Thomas, Calvin Van Ruman,
Leander Briggs, Foster Smith, Daniel Lucas, Otis
Lynch, George Wharton, Henry Kimball, Geo. H. Wood,
William Gros, Eliphaz Dunham, John B. L. Benson,
Edmund A. Barnes.

Resolved, Not to abolish the School Districts in Town.
Resolved, To authorize the Prudential Committee, in the
next School District, to contract with School Teachers,
the present year.

Resolved, That the several School Districts be authorized to
choose their Prudential Committee.

Resolved, To raise \$3500, for Highways & Bridges and allow
the same for labor as last year, which was 15 cts per
rod for the faithful labor of every man, 15 cts per
rod for horse & cart & 12 1/2 cts per rod for horse & cart
until the first of July next, after that time 12 1/2 cts per
rod for a man, 12 1/2 cts per rod for horse & cart & 10 cts per
rod for horse & cart.

Resolved, That respect be remitted on all Highway
paid in money to the Surveyors by the first of June.

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Resolved, That the Surveyors be authorized to work out some
of their taxes before receiving their Bills as they may
think proper.

Resolved, That the Town Dollars shall not be worked until the
Surveyors have received out all their taxes and returned
their Bills to the Assessors.

Resolved, That the several Surveyors of Highways be the
collectors of their own Bills.

Resolved, That Highway Taxes, worked out before the 15th of
June shall have 10 per cent. discount.

Resolved, To appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars
(\$1000) towards building a Monument in commemo-
ration of those Soldiers who have died in the service of their
country during the late Rebellion.

Resolved, That those Messrs. W. H. Harten, Augustus Platt,
Abishai Miller, Stillman Benson & George Wharton
a Committee to whom was referred the matter of
building a Monument in accordance with the
above vote.

Resolved, To raise the sum of sixty five hundred dollars
(\$6500) for Schools the present year to be placed in the
hands of the School Committee for them to divide
as they may think proper.

Resolved, To instruct the School Committee to examine the
several School Districts in Town with reference to some
alterations and report to the Town.

Resolved, That the Town be authorized to hire money not
exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3000) to pay school teachers.

Resolved, That those Messrs. W. H. Harten, Abishai Miller, &
Jacob G. Spaulding a Committee to settle with their
Treasurer, report the condition of the Treasury and an
estimate for a year for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the taking and disposing of the fish be placed
in the hands of the Selectmen the same as last year.

Resolved, To give the Widows Fish the same as last year.
Resolved, That the Fisheries be located at the Stilling Mill
and Old River.

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Voted that Field Officers be Paid as follows and that their
 yards be paid as long as they are Field Officers.
 Voted to indefinitely postpone the 20th article.
 Voted that the Officers of the Poor be authorized to
 contract with some one to take charge of the Almshouse
 Voted to remove the Poll Taxes of those Soldiers who were
 the 1st Service on the first of May last and credit
 to this Town and instructed them to do so to the
 Voted that the Committee chosen June 5, 1865 to whom
 was referred the matter of preserving and protecting
 the fisheries be instructed to get a law passed giving
 the Town the privilege of selling two rights to take
 fish out of Town.
 Voted and chose Clerk Ward to take charge of the
 Town House.
 Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April
 next at two O'clock P.M.
 Attest C. B. Wood Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting April 2, 1866

The annual meeting was taken up April 2, 1866
 at 2 O'clock P.M. by adjournment from March 5, 1866.
 Voted by ballot and chose for:

Pence Officers

Jehuda P. Alwood, and Brigant, Jerome Pitts
 George W. Wood, Stephen B. Gibbs, John Pinkham
 Voted by ballot and chose for:

S. Comm.

School Committee
 Ebenezer W. Decker (Calvin D. Wingman
 having declined serving)

Quartr

Wood

Board

Voted and chose for:
 Assessors of Lumber Woods & Bark
 Samuel W. Thompson, Thomas J. Pinner, Andrew C. B.
 Foster, H. Hecolaw, George Cox, William Eaton, George
 Sherman, Lewis Leonard, Goshun M. Edol, George
 Dickson, John M. Warren, J. D. Merton, Jehuda
 P. Alwood, Jew Thomas, Abishai S. Clark, The S. B. Barclay
 & Thomas O. Denham

Annual Town Meeting ⁵⁴³ April 2 1866

Voted and chose for:
 Field Officers

Re. dim

George W. Thompson & David J. Westgate

Voted

to choose Calvin Southworth for serving as
 Field Officer

Voted

to choose Thomas Wood & Bentley Wood for
 serving as Highway Surveyors

Voted

and chose for:
 Highway Surveyors

Voted

Abishai Butler & Edmund Thompson
 Report of the Selectmen

Report to

on the Fisheries was read & accepted
 also the Report on Guard Woods was read &
 accepted

Voted

that the subject matter contained in the
 19th article be placed in the hands of the Selectmen
 for them to do what they might think proper

Voted

by ballot and chose John S. Clark
 Fish Warden Calvin Southworth having declined

Voted

that the School Committee be instructed to
 report at an adjourned meeting "By Laws" respect-
 ing vacant children as shall be deemed most
 conducive to their welfare and the good order of the
 Town

Voted

to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday
 in June at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest

C. B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 11th 1866

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury met in town
 meeting on Monday June 11th 1866 pursuant to a warrant
 duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy

In Presence of the Constables of the Town of
 Middlebury

In the season of the Commencement of the University
 you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants
 of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs
 to meet at the Town house in said Town on Monday

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The 11th day of June met at 9th for the School P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2^d. To see what action the Town will take in response to a petition now before the County Commissioners for a new road from a point west of the late dwelling house of David Loring (near the South Middlebury Depot) to Rochester line, as petitioned for by William L. Hewes and others.

3^d. To see what action the Town will take in response to establishing a High School.

These facts not and snatches of this manner and of your doings there at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of May A.D. 1866.

Joseph T. Wood, Selectman
Joshua M. Ledy, of
Abraham T. Clark, Middlebury

Plymouth, Middlebury, June 11th 1866. By virtue of the warrant I have notified and caused the meeting, as directed by causing the same to be advertised two or three successively, prior to said meetings.

Wm. Clark Constable
of Middlebury,

1st. And chose James H. Hartness Moderator.

2^d. That the Selectman be instructed to oppose the Petition of William L. Hewes and others as set forth in Article 2.

3^d. That the subject matter contained in the third article be referred to the School Committee to report at a future meeting.

4th. To dissolve the meeting.

Attest, Cornelius B. Wood Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting June 11th 1866

The annual Town Meeting was taken up June 11th 1866, at 9th o'clock by adjourning from June 2^d 1866.

Ernest Robinson the Moderator being absent James H. Hartness was chosen by ballot for Moderator.

1st. To choose Nelson Thomas from serving as fiscal

Drum.

2^d. And chose E. A. Niles fiscal Drum.

3^d. To extend the time of those persons who wish to pay their Highway Taxes, in money from June 1 to June 15th of ten per cent. discount.

4th. To accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and have the same printed.

5th. To accept the Report of the Committee chosen by the Town to settle with their Treasurers in relation to the finances of the Town and have it printed.

6th. That the above Report be increased and 500 copies be printed in a Book with other Reports in relation to Town Expenses.

7th. That the same Committee (the Committee settled with the same) be instructed to have the above Report printed.

8th. To accept and adopt the Report of the Committee chosen to estimate a tax for the ensuing year in which they recommended that the Town raise the sum of \$17,700.00 the present year.

9th. To raise by tax for the year the sum of Seventeen thousand & seven hundred dollars \$17,700.00.

10th. That the Taxes be committed to the Collector for collection on or before the first of October 1866.

11th. That the following Taxes be collected, viz:
On all Taxes paid during the month of October 10 per cent.
November 6
December 3

and that from and after January 1st 1867 interest be charged at the rate of ten per cent. and summary issued.

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1st That the sum of eight hundred dollars in the sum of the ^{money} voted to raise for repairs of Roads and Bridges be placed in the hands of the Selectmen. That the Report of the School Committee in relation to alterations in School Districts be read, admitted and that they report at the next annual Town Meeting.

2nd To pay their Town Treasurer and Collector for his services to April 1st 1866 the sum of five hundred dollars.

3rd To refer the Bills of J. F. Pickens and such others against the Town to the Auditors.

4th That when in adjourn it be to Monday June 18th inst. at three o'clock P.M.
Voted to adjourn.

Attest Samuel B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 18th 1866

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro were in Town Meeting on Monday June 18th 1866 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

To Isaac Clark one of Constables of the Town of Middleboro. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and to call all the inhabitants in said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town House in said Town on Monday the 18th of June inst. at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles as published by James H. Keston and others, to wit:

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2nd To see if the Town will vote to purchase a lot and erect thereon a Town and Memorial Hall and erect any Henry Union.

3rd To raise such sums of money and appropriate the same as may be necessary to purchase a lot

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and erect thereon a Town and Memorial Hall.

4th To see if the Town will make a further appropriation in behalf of the Soldiers Monument.

5th To see what action the Town will take to provide the means to pay Bated for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors and for the families of the slain in the United States service.

Hereof full and ample return of this warrant and of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands at Middleboro this 8th day of June A.D. 1866.

Isaac B. Wood, Selectmen
James H. Keston,
Abraham C. Wood, Middleboro

Dissatisfied June 15th 1866 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and caused the meeting as directed by the Town to be called and to be held at the place of said meeting in the Middleboro Gazette.

Isaac Clark
Constable of Middleboro

1st And chose Grant Robinson Moderator.
2nd An Motion of James H. Keston That a committee

be chosen to consider the propriety and expediency of erecting a Town Memorial Hall; that they ascertain the cost of one or more suitable lots, prepare plans and estimates for a suitable building and furnish such other information as they may be able to collect and report at an adjourned meeting.

3rd That the above committee consist of seven persons.

4th And chose the following persons for the aforesaid committee viz. William H. Wood, Abraham Miller, Col. Oliver C. Wood, William Benson, James H. Keston, George Blayden & George W. Leach.

5th To pass over the 3rd article.

6th To authorize their Town Treasurer to have notes or credit for five thousand (\$5000) dollars for the purpose set forth in the 4th article.

7th That this meeting be adjourned to the first Saturday in September next at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest G. B. Wood Town Clerk

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1866 Annual Town Meeting June 18. 1866

The annual town meeting was taken up the 18th day of June 1866 and then adjourned from June 18th 1866.

✓ Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Saturday in September next at half past ten o'clock P.M.

Attest G. B. Wood Town Clerk

Town Meeting Saturday Sept. 1. 1866

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' met in town meeting on Saturday Sept. 1. 1866 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Le Isaac Clark one of the constables of the Town of Middleboro'.

✓ In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts we hereby require to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town House in said town on Saturday the first day of September next at half past ten o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2^d To see if the Town will accept of the list of persons proposed by the Selectmen to serve as jurors for the ensuing year and act accordingly thereon.

3^d To see what action if any the Town will take in reference to the Petition of A. B. Sampson & others for the widening and straightening Main Street near the County Commissioners.

✓ Hereof fail not and make return of this meeting and of your doing thereon at the time and place said meeting. Given under our hands this second day of August A.D. 1866.

G. B. Wood Selectmen
Joshua H. Edley of
Abraham S. Clark Middleboro'
Attest G. B. Wood Town Clerk
Middleboro' Sept. 1. 1866 By virtue of the within warrant

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I have notified and warned the meeting as directed causing the same to be advertised two weeks prior to said meeting in the Middleboro' Gazette.

Le Isaac Clark Constable of Middleboro' Voted and chose Philander Washburn Moderator.

The Selectmen presented a list of persons for jurors for the ensuing year which was read and after adding to said list the Selectmen was accepted and adopted by the Town.

The subject matter in Article 3 was placed in the hands of the Selectmen for them to act for the best interest of the Town.

Voted to dissolve the meeting
Attest G. B. Wood Town Clerk

The meeting called June 18. 1866 was taken up by adjournment the first Saturday being the first day of September 1866. At half past ten o'clock P.M.

After a verbal report from the committee chosen at the previous meeting to consider the propriety and expediency of erecting a Town Memorial Hall &c. it was voted that the whole subject matter contained in the second Article of the warrant be indefinitely postponed.

Voted that the third Article be indefinitely postponed and that the fourth Article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.
Attest G. B. Wood Town Clerk

The annual Town Meeting was taken up the first Saturday in September 1866 at half past ten o'clock P.M. by adjournment from June 18. 1866.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday after the first Monday in November next to two o'clock P.M.

Attest G. B. Wood Town Clerk